

Wright Ahead

Head Wrightson news

December 1975

Half Year Report Shows Recovery in Profit

The Company half year figures to 31st July 1975 were announced on 13th November and showed continued recovery in profits. Profit after tax for the six months is £509,000 compared with a loss of £820,000 after exceptional items in the corresponding half last year and a profit of £168,000 for the year to 31st January 1975.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	half-year to 31 July 1975	half-year to 31 July 1974	year to 31 Jan 1975
	£000	£000	£000
Turnover	29,215	23,717	53,165
Trading profit (loss) before interest	1,389	(1,079)	1,168
Bank and debenture interest	(339)	(350)	(883)
Investment income	17	13	17
Profit/(Loss) before tax	1,067	(1,416)	302
Tax (estimated)	(558)	596	(134)
Extraordinary items after tax	20	—	(153)
Profit/(Loss) after tax	529	(820)	15

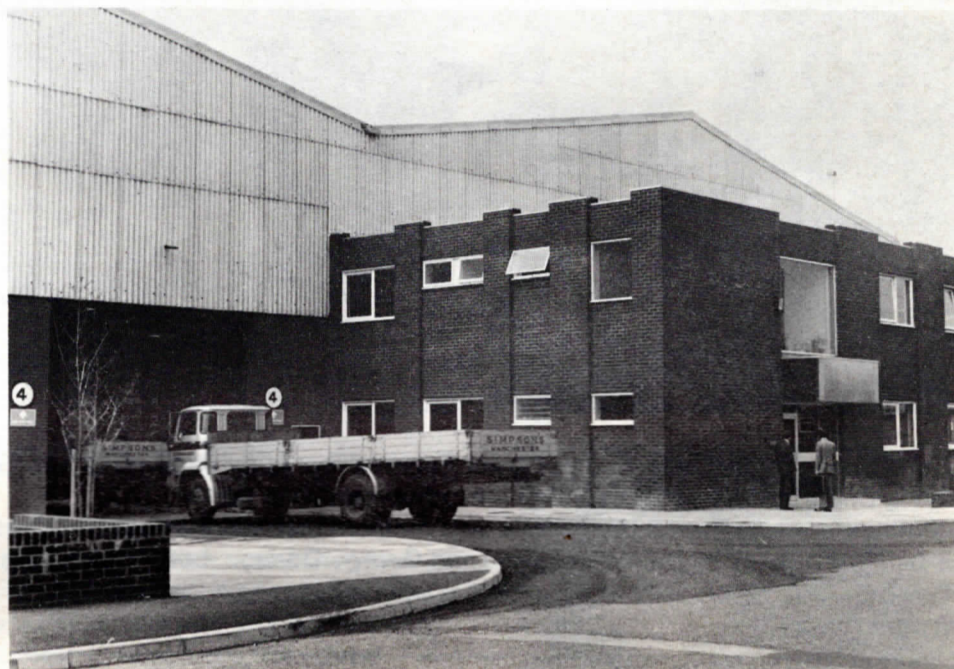
The following is an extract from the accompanying statement which was made to the press that day.

"With the exception of the stockholding division and Pardor the Group was busy for the half year but this is not wholly reflected in the profits owing to the timing of contract completions. It is expected that the profits for the second half will show an improvement on those for the first half. In the half year the Group obtained orders amounting to £28.5m. The figure for the six months, whilst not as high as in the previous period, represents a reasonably satisfactory rate of input.

The spread of Head Wrightson's technology is bringing some welcome results at a time of world recession. For example orders are being obtained from the Coal Industry at a higher rate than for some years past. There are also welcome signs that the importance of high technology engineering is being increasingly appreciated nationally.

The Group's liquidity is satisfactory and we have taken steps to improve it further. There will be a substantial net inflow of funds resulting from the sale of our stainless steel stockholding interests to British Steel Corporation. The Group's cash flow forecasts also show a net inflow of funds from trading.

When the world recession ends and recovery starts some of the restrictions on our ability to secure new business will be removed. However there will inevitably be the necessity to provide increased working capital and we shall therefore continue to pay close attention to liquidity so that we will be capable of meeting the demands of the market from the start of the upturn in world trade. Meanwhile despite the possibility that the recession will continue through the greater part of 1976 the Group's prospects for the next year are reasonably encouraging."



Alfred Simpson's warehouse at Swinton is part of the sale.

Stainless Steel Stockholding sold to BSC

You will have read in the press and from internal notices that we are to sell to the British Steel Corporation the stainless steel stockholding side of the stockholding business of Alfred Simpson Limited. This is located at Swinton and includes the Swinton warehouse and ancillary properties.

The deal is subject to the consent of the Commission of the European Communities under the Treaty of Paris and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

This will still leave the company with considerable stockholding

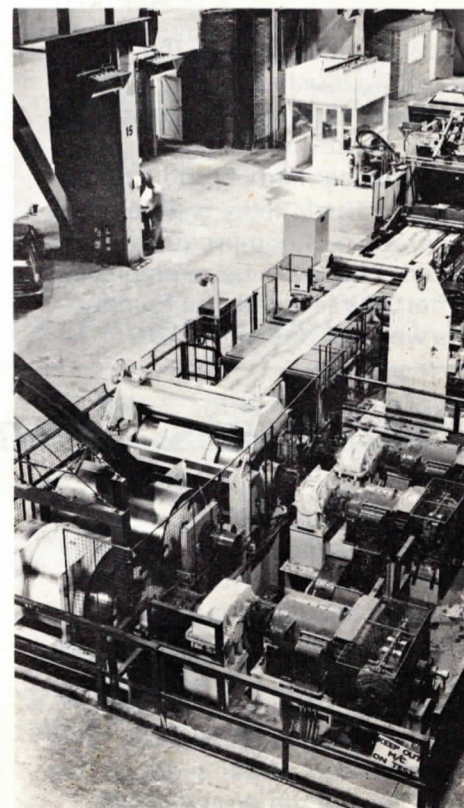
interests as we are retaining Bramall & Wax, Bramwax, North Eastern Steel Stockholders and Renown Simpson which is to be renamed Renown Special Steels. The existing bright bar and fasteners activity of Alfred Simpson at Cannock will also be retained and the business remaining at Swinton is to be relocated in the area, both trading under the new name of Wrightstock.

The portion being sold accounted for approximately one-third of the turnover of the stockholding division last year.

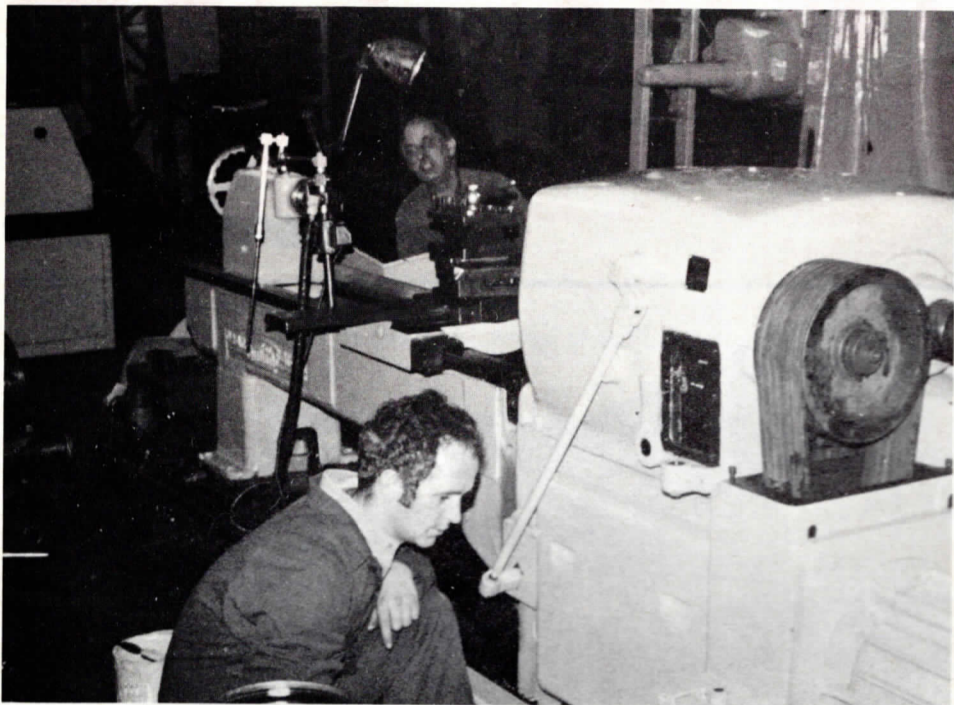
New Peak for Pickle Line

It's good to know that equipment supplied by Head Wrightson to a customer is being appreciated. Just recently it was reported that "weekly production at the Ebbw Vale Works hydrochloric acid pickling line reached a new peak when the line moved smoothly through the 11,000 tonnes barrier and surpassed by over 1,300 tonnes, all previous achievements". Designed and supplied by Head Wrightson Machine Co Ltd., the line was commissioned last December at a capital cost of £8.5 million.

Part of the pickle line plant supplied by Head Wrightson Machine Co to British Steel Corporation at Ebbw Vale.



SPRING CLEAN IN OCTOBER



Following the re-organisation at Pardor Engineering, great effort is being put in to ensure that all plant and equipment is in tip-top condition. After overhaul by Pardor's own maintenance team this lathe is being repainted by Dave Fleetwood and George Dodson, both Turners. A full report of Pardor's activities will be in the next issue of Wright Ahead.

Happy To Be Back



John Fernihough, Grinder in the Dressing Shop, HW Stampings.

John Fernihough puts the finishing touches to one of the first tunnel segments made at the Iron Foundry following commencement of production last month. The foundry is alive again after a year's non-production and John is happy to be re-employed. After 20 years with the foundry, he was just one of the 190

redundancies made at the end of last year and at 55, he was unlikely to find another job easily. Living at Fairfield, Stockton, John made good use of his time by catching up with gardening and decorating but being an active man all his life, he missed the work and companionship at the foundry.

Welcome Back John!

Employees Council Seek Change

Head Wrightson Employees' Council is engaged on a study of the future role of the Employees' Council and Divisional Councils in the Group. At the last meeting of the Employees' Council in September it was decided to appoint a small Working Party to consider the matter in detail. Two meetings of the Working Party

have already been held, at which the future role of the Employees' Councils has been examined and some amendments to the constitution, last revised thirteen years ago, have been considered. The recommendations of the Working Party will be put before the December meeting of the full Employees' Council.

Saturday Sales Talk

One of the problems associated with organising any sales conference is that it is seldom possible because of varying business commitments to find a date suitable to everyone.

The Manufacturing Division overcame this by arranging their last sales conference on Saturday 25th October in the Management Development Centre at the Friarage when 23 managers with sales, estimating and contractual interests gave up a day of their weekend to discuss one another's sales problems.

Representatives from HW Teesdale, Grosvenor & Pardor were able to gather together for the first time to identify areas of common interest and to work out ways of maximising the total sales effort.

Papers were presented and the exchange of ideas and discussion that followed can only contribute to a greater sales potential for the division.

Appointments cont'd

Recent re-organisation of the Vice Chairman's office and the Publicity Department at Headquarters, Yarm, has brought forth two new appointments. Liz Arkley, who has been with the company 8 years and secretary to John Eccles for the last 2½ years has been appointed his Executive Assistant with responsibilities for Public Relations and the organising of a Central Reference section of information on non-Head Wrightson companies. In addition to being involved in the day to day operation of the Vice Chairman's office, Liz will liaise with the Publicity Department which now works closely with the Vice Chairman's office in all publicity and P.R. matters. The position of Secretary to the Vice Chairman has been filled by Sue Guy, previously with the Personnel Department.



E Arkley

S Guy

Birthday Farewell



Ian Ford (MD) of Grosvenor Steel presenting John Lee on his 65th birthday with a watch from his workmates to mark his retirement after 10 years with the company.

Appointments

HW MACHINE CO

R V Covill, Managing Director

PARDOR ENGINEERING

E I Ford, Managing Director
(Retaining his position as MD of Grosvenor Steel)

HW (STEELCAST)

I P McDowall, Sales Director
D Watson, Commercial Director

GROSVENOR STEEL

R J Wetton, General Manager

HW TEESDALE

I Fox, Procurement Manager

HW & CO

D Smith, Office Manager
C Baister, Insurance Officer
A Oxley, Manager, Cost Accounting
J Brady, Cost Accountant

HW STAMPINGS

B Carter, Technical Representative

N.E.S.S.

D Brooks, Sales Manager



R V Covill



E I Ford



I P McDowall



D Watson



R J Wetton



I Fox



D Smith



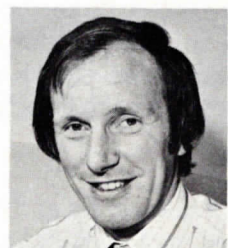
C Baister



A Oxley



J Brady



B Carter



D Brooks

Left to right: E I Ford (MD), J Lowe, J Lee, B Mottram, S Headdock (Supervisor), A Evans.

Visits to Works

October has been a busy month with regard to overseas visitors. On 2nd, a party of local foundrymen and their wives, all members of the Institute of British Foundrymen (Teesside branch), went on a conducted tour of the Thornaby foundry of HW (Steelcast) Ltd. This was the first of several educational trips planned in the area by the Institute. That evening Charles Elliott wore both caps – that of Works Manager of the foundry and President of the local branch of the Institute.

Usually, female visitors seen around the works are wives of industrialists or interpreters. Recently, however, an attractive Spanish senorita, Luisa Santos, spent a week visiting HW subsidiaries in Cleveland. The Chief Accountant at Indein-Wrightson in Madrid, she works closely with Gonzalez Lopez and Alan Philipson engaged on accountancy and office administration. Luisa speaks very good English but confessed to this being her fourth visit to England. As well as meeting people at Yarm, HW Machine Co., HWPEL Thornaby & HW Teesdale, Luisa saw a little of the North East coast at Seaton Carew.



Luisa Santos

On the other side of the Pyrannees, three French industrialists departed from Paris airport on Tuesday 21st October bound for Newcastle airport where they were met by Tim Gillespie of B & S Massey and taken to the Friarage at Yarm. M. Pierre Braudeau (Chairman), M Maurice Mermet (Managing Director) and M. R. Pere (Works Manager) all from Carel Fouche Languépin had a two day visit to HW companies in Cleveland and Manchester. A licence agreement for the manufacture and sale of spark erosion equipment already exists between Carel Fouche Languépin and B & S Massey, but there are fresh markets which are attractive to the french company and other HW subsidiaries. The visit was intended to further negotiations between the two companies.

All the way from Rio De Janeiro, Dr. Mauro Ferraz accompanied by Mr Charles Lumb, visited the HW Iron foundry on 29th October where they were met by Douglas Harrison, Chairman of the Foundry & Forging Division.



Mr E G Scrannage, Works Director of B & S Massey, presenting the Totex Tie, cheque and certificate to Louis Webb. Looking on is Ken Hodkinson, Works Engineer, who is responsible for safety at Openshaw.

Safety Boots Bring Reward

Special safety boots with reinforced toe-caps saved Louis Webb from serious injury when some packing dropped from a table on to his foot. If he had not been wearing safety shoes, this accident could have been far more serious. As it happened, he only received severe bruising. The firm that makes the boots, Totex Limited, heard of the accident and according to their safety award scheme, presented Louis with a £5.00 premium bond, a special tie and a certificate for Life-Long Membership. As well as the safety boots, Massey men working on the shop floor are supplied with helmets, goggles and visors and overalls.

Best Seller

A book entitled "Manuel De Tabelas Industriais" (Manual of Industrial Tables) and written by the procurement officer of our associated company, Villares-Wrightson Eng. Ltda in Sao Paulo, could be a technical best seller in Latin America. This prediction comes from Bryan Johnston of HWPEL Thornaby who has recently returned from a 9 month sales venture in Brazil.

The author of the book, Guillermo Sandez Estrella, who originates from Ecuador and speaks fluent English, Spanish and Portuguese, has spent many years gathering information from world wide sources, (including Head Wrightson), for his book which provides many interesting mathematical and conversion tables as well as instant comparisons between all relevant standards. Chemical and mechanical properties are also given. According to Bryan, the book is a magnificent effort and a great contribution to the progress of advanced technology in Brazil.

"Operation Avalanche 8"

A lot of attention is now being given to China's oil industry and other Chinese trade possibilities which have developed over the last ten years, particularly at the "Taching" oilfields where it is sometimes 30° C below zero.

Forever to the fore, HW Teesdale have been keeping an eye on these developments and have forwarded relative literature to the Sino - British Trade Council (SBTC) in London from where, hopefully, it will find its way to the Chinese ministry. HW Teesdale have also participated in "Operation Avalanche 8", a sales drive being organised by the S.B.T.C., whereby a ton of oil-industry equipment data sent to Peking in September, was received by 30 carefully selected organisations in China's oil industry. The data consisted of technical information and catalogues from 60 British companies, including HW Teesdale. This was the eighth "Operation Avalanche" on a subject of specific interest to be airfreighted by the S.B.T.C. to important end-users in China, and followed a successful conference on China's oil industry also organised by the S.B.T.C. at Glasgow earlier this year.

All the way from the Andes

'On loan' to HWPEL London Division, Geoff Smith from the Construction Department at HWPEL Thornaby is currently supervising the erection of four electrostatic precipitators for the ILO smelting plant of the Southern Peru Copper Corporation's Cuajone Copper Project. One of the world's largest copper mining operations, the Cuajone Project, is expected to start late in 1976 with an annual capacity of 170,000 short tons of blister copper and £10m worth of the mining equipment is being supplied by Head Wrightson.

Writing to us from the Atacama desert region of Southern Peru, Geoff says that whilst visiting the ILO docks area to track down some of the equipment for the precipitators, he was cheered by the sight of a string of slag ladles on a railway siding, each boldly displaying the familiar Head Wrightson name plate in silver and black. Constructed at HW Teesdale Ltd. the slag ladle wagons are also part of the £10m management contract.

11,000ft. up in the Andes mountains, Geoff came face to face with another Head Wrightson colleague - Gordon Marshall of HW Teesdale - when he (Geoff) was taken on a visit to the Cuajone mine site and concentrator plant. At the time, Gordon was supervising the installation of more HW equipment.



The above photograph shows part of the road down which Geoff travelled on his return trip from the mine. He says "It is quite a road. The picture also illustrates the typical scenery in this part of Peru. The bare sandy hills stretch right down to the coast. Most of the beaches near ILO are in fact pebbly whilst the sand starts just a few yards inland". Geoff is now experiencing the Peruvian summer while we at home are beginning to shiver our way through winter!

Retirements

50 Years

Herbert Cooke, Smithy Dept.
B & S Massey

45 Years

Ronald Purnell, Commercial
Director,
HW Teesdale

31 Years

William Rowe, Maintenance
Foreman
HW Stampings

17 Years

Leonard Todd, Compressor
Operator
HW (Steelcast) Billingham

15 Years

Thomas H Williams, Service
Engineer,
HWPEL Thornaby

11 Years

John W Walton, Clerk
HQ Maintenance

6 Years

Walter W Lynas, Cost Control
Clerk,
HWPEL Thornaby

3 Years

D Lithgo
HW Stampings



H. Cooke



L. Todd



T H Williams

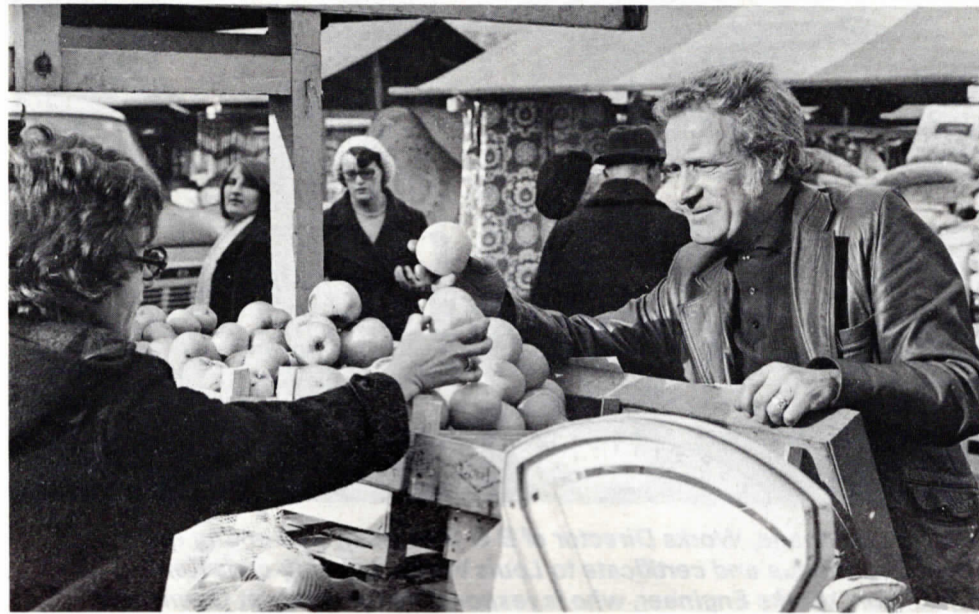


J W Walton



On his retirement, Ronnie Purnell was presented with a silver salver that had all the HW Teesdale directors' signatures engraved upon it.

It's A Marmalade Cutter



Having guessed correctly that the ancient implement was a "marmalade cutter", William Wallace of the Maintenance Dept at B & S Massey selects the best oranges for the job!

The letter came flooding in for this little quiz – actually two letters, (one with eight guesses from eight people). Both came from Massey at Manchester. Shame on all other areas for not even trying.

Our thanks go to Mr D Porter, Mrs D Goulding, Mrs E Storsow, Mrs E Walber, Mrs B Beckett, Mrs D Garney, Mr A Millington, and Mr F Swift for their respective guesses – sausage slicer, can opener, wooden case opener, scales, cork screw, bottle opener, vegetable chopper, mincer, and meat or bacon slicer – all incorrect unfortunately.

The only truly correct answer came from Mr William Wallace who knew it was a marmalade cutter. Well done William!

Well Done!

In the Spring 1972 edition of "Wright Ahead", Colin Mapplebeck, a draughtsman with R & D Division, was featured as having been presented with the Mary Burton Trophy for 1970/71 – an award which is presented each year to the most outstanding apprentice of the year in the HW Training Centre. Further success for Colin comes in the form of a BSC Honours degree in Mechanical Engineering. After 4 years hard study, Colin has decided to give his brains a rest – outside work of course! The degree ceremony will be held early next year. Congratulations Colin!

Whilst on the subject of good results, there are 5 more HW trainees who have reached the required standard of their particular training. These are:-

G Almond H25 Mechanical Fitting Part 2, Middlesbrough works

D Andrew D1 Thick Plate Working Part 1, Thornaby works

Jazz Man At HWM



Len McLennon, Saxophone Player

Pop into the Post House Hotel at Thornaby on a Sunday evening and you may hear some sweet sounds of jazz being played by the "Cleveland Dixielanders". Contributing to that sound is saxophone player, Len McLennon, slinger/crane driver at HW Teesdale Middlesbrough Works, who has been with the company 19 years.

M Horne J22 Electrical Maintenance Part 2, HW Stampings

K Hope J1 Mechanical Maintenance Part 1, HW Stampings

J Anderson H2 Turning Part 1 Training Centre.

Almond and Horne are now qualified to receive EITB Certificates of Craftsmanship.

One of the Best

Although he missed the big prize – a BLMC Mini – Albert Lowes, Welder in the Fabricating Shops at HW Teesdale reached the eastern area final of a nationwide contest to find Britain's Champion Welder 1975.

The competition, believed to be the biggest of its kind ever to be held by the welding industry, had been organised by a BOC Ltd product group, BOC Murex, the country's largest welding electrode manufacturing company.

After filling in a questionnaire, Albert was pleased to be one of 15 selected from more than 600 entries received, to take part in a series of practical welding tests designed to demonstrate the craft element in what is already a highly skilled occupation. The tests were held on 23rd September at The Post House, Washington, Tyne & Wear and Albert was one of two runners-up. The national final held on 14 October at Waltham Cross, London was won by a Welsh welder who received the BLMC Mini and the grand title of "Champion Welder" 1975.



Albert Lowes taking part in the welding competition

Considering that nationally, 3,000 entries to the competition were received from welders representing all sectors of industry, Albert did extremely well to have reached the finals and he was presented with a bone china tea set by way of a consolation prize. His company and colleagues are very proud of his performance in the competition and wish him better luck for next year. It might be interesting for readers to know that Albert, who has been with Head Wrightson for 29 years, was one of the first members of the HW apprentice training centre after it was established.

Gordon Sets The Pace

Gordon Surtees of HW Machine Co, Sales Records Dept., starts each day at 5.45 am with a run. The simple explanation for these exertions at such an early hour is that Gordon likes to keep himself fit for coaching athletes, something he has been doing for twelve years. During that time his athletes have won nine national championships and created four national records at different age levels. Six of his athletes have gained international vests. Gordon's main achievement this year was in coaching 22 year old Dennis Coates to establish a world record in winning the AAA Indoor Steeplechase title at Cosford.

Gordon himself has achieved international honours and has been selected as coach to both England and Great Britain. At present he holds the position of British Amateur Athletic Board Staff Coach responsible for middle distance running in the North. Recently, an enjoyable week was spent in Iceland conducting coaching courses and lecturing on athletics. The visit was arranged by the Icelandic AAA after athletes, whom Gordon had coached at Durham University, returned home and won National Championships and created new Icelandic records.

In addition to coaching local athletes, he coaches runners from Edinburgh, Manchester and Leeds, who travel through to see him once a month. He maintains an interest in Iceland by sending monthly training schedules to a number of athletes.

All this coaching is, of course, carried out in the spare hours after work and at weekends and naturally such a demanding activity leaves no time for other hobbies or pastimes. Being such a successful amateur coach has its drawbacks for Gordon incurs a personal expense of over £200 per year and uses most of his holiday entitlement on athletic courses.

DEATHS

J Cronberry, 6/9/75, Fitter HW Teesdale Works Middlesbrough.
H McDiarmid, 14/9/75 Grosvenor Steel
Mrs M Gordon, 8/10/75, Secretary R & D Division
S Goodwin, 12/10/75, Fitter HW Stampings
R Bennett, 13/10/75, Moulder HW (Steelcast) Thornaby
R Thompson, 19/10/75 HW Machine Co (retired)
E Bridges, HW (Steelcast) Billingham (retired)



The photo shows Bill Robinson holding a London police motor cycle 750 cc which would cost around £12

Good Start for Model Club

Bill Robinson, who works as a Draughtsman in the Maintenance Department of HW Stampings has a passion for models – any shape or size (but not the two legged type!) and has just started a modelling club in Peterlee. The club, which began only a few weeks ago, has had a flying start with 39 members aged nine and upwards. Meetings, held three times a week at the Peterlee Community Centre, deal with nearly all aspects of model-making including aircraft, cars, motor cycles, ships etc. Bill has exhibited his vast collection of models in the Peterlee Arts & Information Centre on various occasions, his own interests being mainly motor cycle models and science fiction subjects – but he will construct anything. He started the model club due to the large response from local modellers.

Anyone wanting to join the model club is invited to contact Mr Bill Robinson, 4 Basingstoke Road, Peterlee for more information.

Midnight Happenings



Winners of a "potato rolling" competition at the Halloween Party were John Turner, designer/draughtsman at HWPEL Thornaby, and his wife, Mavis.

HWPEL's social committee "spooky" Halloween Party on 31st October at the Y.M.C.A. Stockton was a most enjoyable evening (if a little hair-raising!) with Max Clarke and his "Poison-alities" providing a variety of dance music and helping to create the right mood for occasional nightmarish "happenings".

The midnight happening was worth waiting for. With the main lights switched off and a flashing hypnotising light switched on, a coffin was carried into the room and placed on the dance floor. The

lid opened slowly and out popped a "ghost" who concentrated on frightening the ladies out of their wits. All good stuff for Halloween! In addition there were amusing games such as an apple-eating competition (no hands!), numerous spot prizes and a mouth watering buffet.

Congratulations to the organisers at HWPEL Thornaby, Max Clarke, Margaret Dunbar, Gordon Sinclair, Eileen Turner and Richard Milns and thanks to Mr Lonsdale of the Y.M.C.A. and those who helped with the "coffin" cater.

THE DARKNESS OF A NOVEMBER NIGHT

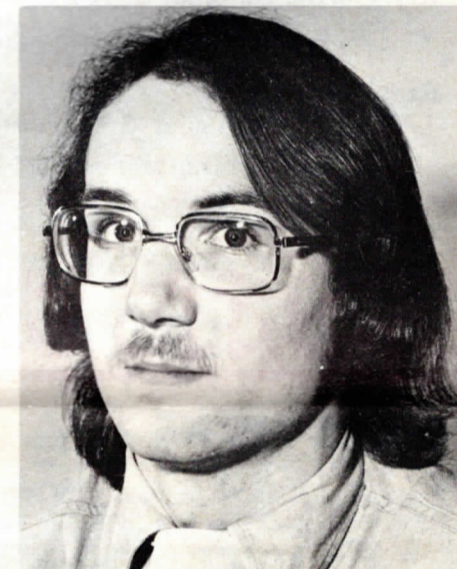
by Donald Briggs, HW Stampings.

A barren stage of blackened light while blowing branches bend. A begotten land of soulless souls falls dead as moonlight ends.

Shadows smile upon the shed as papers shoot up high. Blinding lights retreat and hide as man forgets and dies.

The dying lasts till morning comes and darkness fades away. But night is soon supreme again it rules both man and day.

Note: Donald is a commercial trainee at HW Stampings. This poem has already been published in the July issue of Poetry Press Ltd.



Donald Briggs

HW On TV Soon!

A film entitled "Mr Satow's Improved Travelling Engine" will be transmitted by Tyne Tees TV on Sunday 7th December 1975 at 23.10 and again in all ITV regions except Yorkshire, Granada and ATV, on Wednesday 24th December at 11.30. Try and watch because some of this film was taken in the HW Training Centre workshops at Thornaby, in connection with the Locomotion I Replica.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

***To keep telephone calls and telex messages brief**

***To make phone calls outside the hours 9.00 am – 1.00 pm**

***To cancel the call if the line is engaged or the person fails to answer after 20-30 seconds.**

SOCIAL SCENE

Time again for the gay social whirl – the Christmas dances, dinners and parties. Most of the HW companies have some sort of “do” organised this Christmas. You only have to look at the list to see what a sociable lot we all are! In the next issue of Wright Ahead (Jan 1976) we hope to show photos of some of these events.

HW Teesdale Social Committee

19/12/75 Dinner Dance, Billingham Arms, Dancing to the Carnival Steel Band. Tickets £3.50

23/12/75 Dinner for female Staff, Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe.

30/12/75 Children's Party, HW Social Club.

HWM Staff & Benevolent Fund

5/12/75 Dinner Dance, Swan Hotel, Billingham.

31/12/75 Children's Pantomime treat, The Forum, Billingham.

HWPEL Thornaby Social Committee

22/12/75 Dinner Dance, Ladle Hotel, Middlesbrough.

HW & Co

4/12/75 Female Staff Dinner, International Restaurant, Yarm.

23/12/75 Staff Party, The Friarage, Yarm.

Grosvenor Steel

17/12/75 Staff Dinner, Gun Inn, Hollingworth

19/12/75 Buffet Dance, Festival Hall, Denton.

SPORTS SPECIAL



A hole in one? John Byers (left) and Alan Wallace, both from HW & Co., won the “Bob Sturges” Trophy competition

Good Partnership for Golf Trophy

The very good weather we have had during 1975 has made it a very enjoyable year for our Golfers. The competitions held during the year have been well supported and some new names appear on the “Roll of Honour”. Brian Evans of HWT won the 1975 “Knock Out” competition at his first attempt, beating John Cook of HWPEL.

The “Bob Sturges” Trophy competition was played at Bedale on 18th October and twenty six players turned out. Again we were very fortunate with the weather and all present had a very enjoyable day. The Trophy was won by HW & Co – John Byers and Alan Wallace with a net score of 140 just beating Machine Co. who returned 141.

Alan Wallace is a first year apprentice and a first year Golfer,

his performance by his own (or his father's – Will Wallace) admission reflects the good training given to Alan by the Teesside Professional, Don Massey.

Paul Bradley – another first year apprentice – equalled the best gross score and was only pipped by Ray Butters who had a better return for the inward nine holes. “Isn't Harry Soppet proud”. To enable us to extend our activities in 1976 – will all golfers – rabbits included – drop a line to C H Moore – HW Teesdale, with all relevant information, Name, Company, Handicap etc., so that a member list can be compiled.

It is proposed to have a Golfers ‘Get Together’ so that our activities can be discussed.

So please contact C H Moore.

Christmas Holly Days at HW

Headquarters, Yarm – Thurs. 25/12/75 to Fri. 2/1/76

HWPEL Thornaby – Thurs. 25/12/75 to Fri. 2/1/76

HW Teesdale (Thornaby & M'Bro) – Thurs. 25/12/75 to Fri. 2/1/76

HW (Steelcast) Billingham – Mon. 22/12/75 to Fri. 2/1/76

HW (Steelcast) Thornaby & S/ton – Thurs. 25/12/75 to Fri. 2/1/76

HW Stampings – Mon. 22/12/75 to Fri. 2/1/76

Grosvenor Steel – Tues. 23/12/75 to Fri. 2/1/76

B & S Massey – Tues. 23/12/75 to Fri. 26/12/75 & Wed. 31/12/75 to Fri. 2/1/76

Pardor Engineering – Tues. 23/12/75 to Fri. 26/12/75

& Wed. 31/12/75 to Fri. 2/1/76.

HWT Say-“You're On”

Watch out Grosvenor Steel 5-a-siders! your interest in playing other members of the Group on either a 5-a-side basis or a conventional game of football has now been taken up (see Sept issue of Wright Ahead).

Eric Porteous of the Maintenance Dept of HW Teesdale would like to arrange a game some time, some place and he is confident that his team can give the Grosvenor lads a good game. He can be contacted at the Maintenance Dept of HW Teesdale Ltd. Tel. No. (0642) 62241

presentation of prizes – an event made even more meaningful by the presence of Mrs Fryer, wife of Derek Fryer, who died after a tragic illness earlier this year. Derek had been associated with the HW Cricket club for over 20 years and contributed much to its success. Mrs Fryer presented prizes to the winning and runner-up teams, including a special trophy – the Derek Fryer Memorial Trophy – to HW (Steelcast) Stockton Foundry, the runners-up in the cricket inter-departmental competition. This year's trophy winners were as follows:-

Football

winner, Teesdale Bridge Yard
runners-up, HW Stampings

Cricket

winner, HW Machine Co Ltd
runners up, Stockton Steelcast

Bowls

(three-rink)
winner, HWPEL
runners-up, HWT M'Bro Works
(single-rink)
winner, HWT M'Bro Works
runners-up, Teesdale Bridge Yard.

Presentation Evening

Once again, Head Wrightson's sporting sportsmen gathered together at the HW Social Club for the 1975 inter-departmental competitions prize presentation. Held on Thursday 9th October, the occasion was well attended with everyone enjoying the happy atmosphere. The highlight of the evening was of course the



Some of the HW Teesdale Bridge Yarm players after being presented with the inter-departmental football trophy. Left to right: Lenny Grounds, Brian Robinson, Paul Davis, Dennis Longstaff.