

Wright Ahead

Head Wrightson news

December 1977

Looking Ahead with Davy



John Eccles

"It is exactly a year since the shareholders of Davy and Head Wrightson were asked to agree to the merger of their two companies. It is time to take stock of the progress we have made.

In November last year we agreed that Davy and Head Wrightson, if joined, would be able to combine their different marketing and financial strengths to make an even more effective whole. The world market for capital goods is open and competitive. A customer who will spend over £100 million on Methanol Plant travels to see the technology available in Europe, the United States and Japan. He is able to make his assessment and to choose his supplier. How do we fare in this market?

The Russians are to build two methanol plants; Davy is their chosen supplier; HW Teesdale is to make in excess of £3m of heat exchangers for the project.

As another example, I have found that most ball bearings are made from seamless tube. Major supplies come from TI at Desford, much of the tube coming from Assel mills made by The Machine Company. Czechoslovakia is moving into the same business and The Machine Company with Loewy Robertson is supplying an £8 million seamless mill to VTZ — the first time as far as I recall that we have done a major job in Czechoslovakia. So we already have tangible evidence of the combined marketing strength of Davy and Head Wrightson. There will be many more examples of this co-operation.

Let us consider Davy and HW's financial strength. We have continued to spend on plant and equipment in HW Steelcast, both at Billingham and Thornaby, and at HW Stampings. We are re-opening Stockton Precision

Forge; extending HWPEL's office; and shortly we will be buying equipment for HW Teesdale. This expenditure is going on in the present recession and the strength of Davy's finances is of great assistance to us.

With the acknowledged advantages of a merger comes change — Davy has a divisional structure. The divisions are groups of companies reporting to the centre, Davy International.

A year ago we visualised the companies which formed Head Wrightson integrating with existing Davy companies to form new divisions of Davy. One important consideration in deciding the membership of divisions is the typical length of time taken to fulfill an order. At one extreme Wrightstock or Bramall & Wax receive a telephoned order for steel and within hours the lorry is loading up for delivery to the customer. At the other extreme the recent contract for British Nuclear Fuels will be with HWPEL for several years. In the middle of the range come companies like Massey and Grosvenor who may take anything from weeks to about a year to fulfill an order.

Davy also has companies in short, medium and long cycle businesses. Broadly speaking those Davy and HW companies in each category will continue to move closer together. We see HWPEL (in engineering and contracting) joining Davy Ashmore International and Non Ferrous Minerals, all companies for the mining and metals industry.

HWPEL London is moving closer to Davy Powergas for similar reasons.

HW Teesdale, Grosvenor and Massey form what may come to be considered as a sub-division of Davy's manufacturing interests which are headed by Davy-Loewy.

HW Foundries and Forges with Wrightstock form a division in themselves, all in the short cycle end of the business.

HW & Co itself is no longer a public company and in ceasing to be so has had to re-appraise its policy. A great measure of decentralisation has already taken place and we intend that all the functions of HW should be carried out within one or other division of Davy/HW. I shall myself be moving closer to the Foundries, Forges and Stockholding companies, a proximity which I hope they will welcome! Thus we can say that we make progress with the integration of Davy and HW. Our intent is to make two and two into five. That is the challenge of a merger. We shall meet the challenge and succeed in creating a new loyalty to add to the old.

A Happy Christmas to everybody in Davy old and new — and the new includes everybody in Head Wrightson."

Another coal order

In the final round of major contracts placed by the NCB for the £17m experimental coal combustion facility being built at Grimethorpe, HWPEL have been awarded a further order valued at about £900,000. The contract is for the fuel preparation and handling plant and includes coal crushing and drying equipment for blending the coal with dolomite before it is fed into the combustion unit.

This brings PEL's share in the project to almost £2½m. They are already supplying four cyclones and associated exhaust gas plant to the project which is intended to establish the suitability of a pressurised fluid bed combustor system for burning low grade coals.

New appointment for Davy Chairman

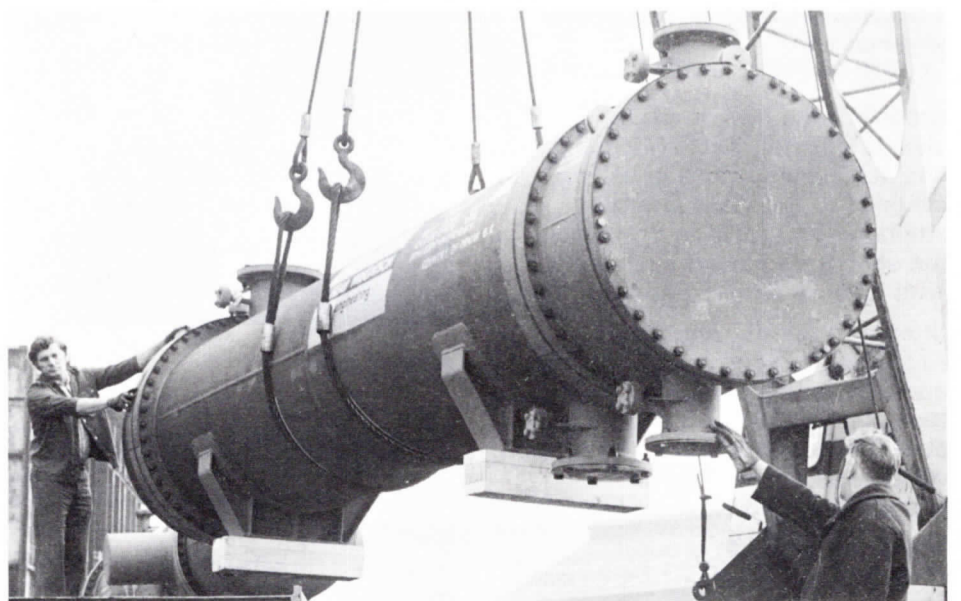
With effect from 1st December, Sir John Buckley, Chairman of Davy International Ltd and Alfred Herbert Ltd, succeeds Mr John Meyer CBE as President of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce.

The announcement was made on 20th October at the quarterly luncheon of the Chamber at the Connaught Rooms, London.

Early delivery on heat exchanger export order

"Delivery to client four weeks ahead of schedule." It's not often that one hears such a claim from a supplier but it's quite true for HW Teesdale whose first shipment of heat exchangers to a major chemical plant in the USA has just been delivered.

The exchangers, required at a new ethylene complex at Corpus Christi, in Texas are part of a £1.7m export contract for 29 units. All are being manufactured by HW Teesdale to ASME VIII Division 1 'U' stamp standards. The photograph shows some of the exchangers being loaded at the Thornaby site. Fifteen have already been despatched and a further six are now almost ready to go.



Some of the exchanges being loaded for Texas.

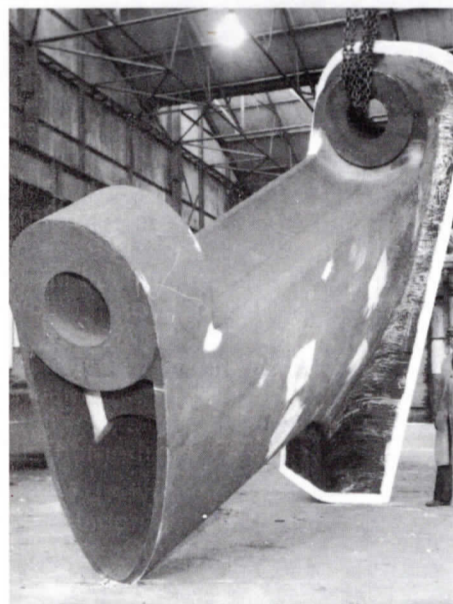
PEL busy on nuclear effluent contract

John Eccles, in his article on page one, referred to a contract being carried out by HWPEL for British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. This is in connection with a new multi-million pound plant which is to be built to treat pond water in which irradiated fuel elements from UK Magnox reactors have been stored. The water, after treatment, will comply with all statutory safety requirements for discharge from the site.

HWPEL have been working in association with BNFL on certain aspects of the project for some two and half years and have prepared designs and various schemes. They have now received an instruction to commence work on the major contract and will be responsible for planning, engineering design and procurement of the complete plant. Process design and all site work, including civils, will be the client's responsibility.

The plant, when completed, will naturally meet very high design standards in order to minimise maintenance and to allow plant operation and control under fully shielded conditions to protect personnel from radiation.

Breaking into new markets

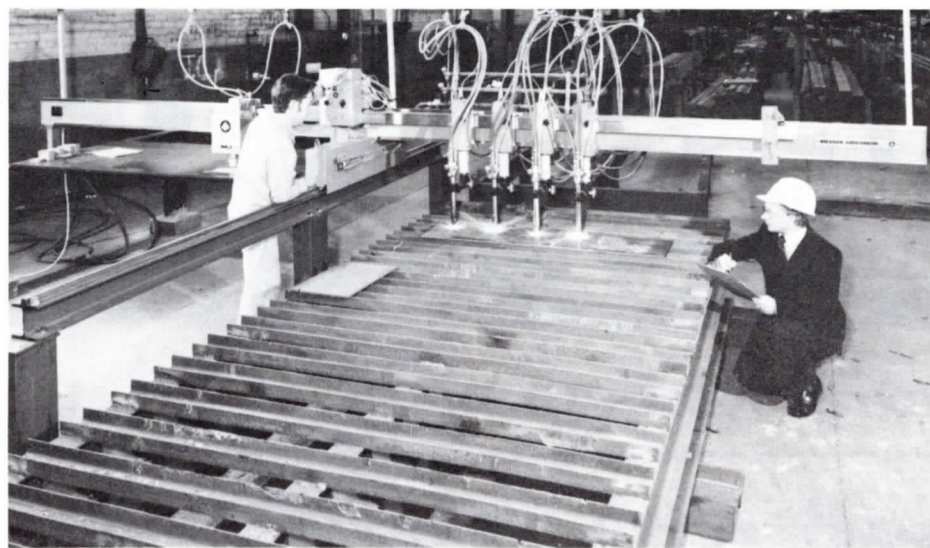


The rudder horn at the foundry prior to completion.

Breaking into new markets is always difficult, but HW (Steelcast) has achieved success in selling castings to the West German shipbuilding industry. Previously the shipyards placed such work with local or Norwegian foundries.

Shown in the photograph is a rudder horn weighing 22 tonnes and approximately 15' x 20'. It's part of an order for 3 complete stern frame assemblies, the first of which was despatched to Germany in mid November.

The order is worth around £100,000 and Steelcast are hopeful for more work from the same source.



The new Messer Griesheim profile burner operated by Colin Perrin. Taking notes of the machine's performance is Dave Brooks, Commercial Manager.

A cut above the rest

"Come and have a look around" said Dave Brooks, Commercial Manager of North Eastern Steel Stockholders, "you might be suprised at what you see." It was indeed suprising to find the extent to which Nesstock, who are part of the Wrightstock Steel service group within Head Wrightson, tailor their steel products to suit individual customer requirements.

Over the last few years the nature of their business has changed with the availability of a full steel processing facility for engineering first operations. The acquisition of shearing, sawing and profile burning machines has meant that steel can be supplied already cut and shaped to whatever size is required. This saves the customer machine time, relieves him of scrap problems and, by reducing the volume of stock that he needs to hold, improves his cash flow.

With two profile burning machines already in use (a Messer Griesheim and a BOC Condor both with multiple heads) Nesstock have recently commissioned another Messer Griesheim machine and now have capacity to profile up to 3 metres dia through 300mm plate. As with other machines, this newest profile burner employs the latest technology, and accuracies of 1.6mm in 3 metres of flame cut profile are achievable because of their unique precision optical tracer coupled with a positive rack and pinion co-ordinate drive

system.

Sawing operations are carried out on two automatic Kasto machines, one a hacksaw, the other a bandsaw both of which are capable of accurate multiple cutting up to a length of 500mm with a maximum dia of 406mm.

The bandsaw has a special hydraulic clamping device for Automatic Billet cutting with accuracy on length of .5mm.

To complete the processing department a Pearson Guillotine shears plate up to 20mm thick with a maximum width of 4 metres.

With these machines and the technical expertise available in the office for providing drawings and design to customer requirements, Nesstock have developed successfully in what is now a highly competitive business. Although the nature of the business has changed, their approach to dealing with enquiries is consistent and each enquiry receives the same degree of attention whether it is for a steel processing facility or for a handful of fasteners.

"We like to think that we are providing an efficient and reliable service to our customers with the emphasis on supplying top quality steel products" said Dave Brooks "We try always to adhere to that old maxim — Quality is remembered long after the price is forgotten."



Alvin Newall

Appointments

B&S Massey
A Newall, Director

HWPEL Thornaby
B Johnston, Sales Manager

On display in Sweden

International business travellers who pass through Kastrup Airport, Copenhagen will be able to acquaint themselves with the drop forging operations of HW Stampings over the next few months.

A display has been arranged and linked to their nearest agent CI Pihl of Sweden. It promotes the theme "modern engineering technology demands quality components," with three industry leaders being chosen to illustrate buyers who demand quality — Rolls-Royce, Volvo and Saab.

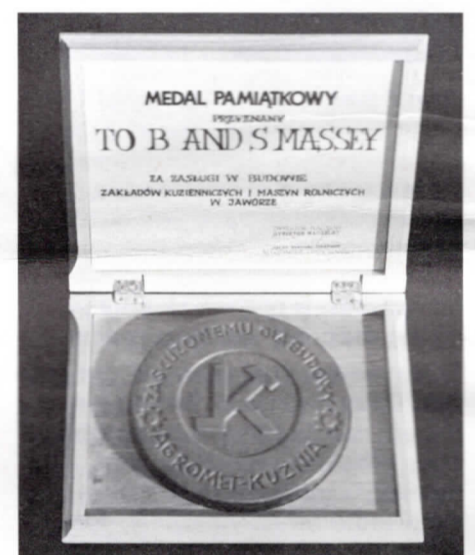
Naturally all are supplied with forgings from Stampings.

A pass in purchasing exams

Congratulations to Harry Simpson, Commercial manager of the British Nuclear Fuels Ltd project at HWPEL (Th) on passing his Institute of Purchasing and Supply Diploma examinations.

Harry attended the Darlington College of Technology for two nights a week studying Part 3 of the diploma (having already got the HND in Business Studies he was exempt from Parts 1 & 2). Subjects studied included legal aspects of purchasing, purchasing principles and practice, purchasing techniques and economics, stores management and inventory control and management.

After the Diploma has been presented to Harry, he will be able to apply to the Institute of Purchasing and Supply for corporate membership.



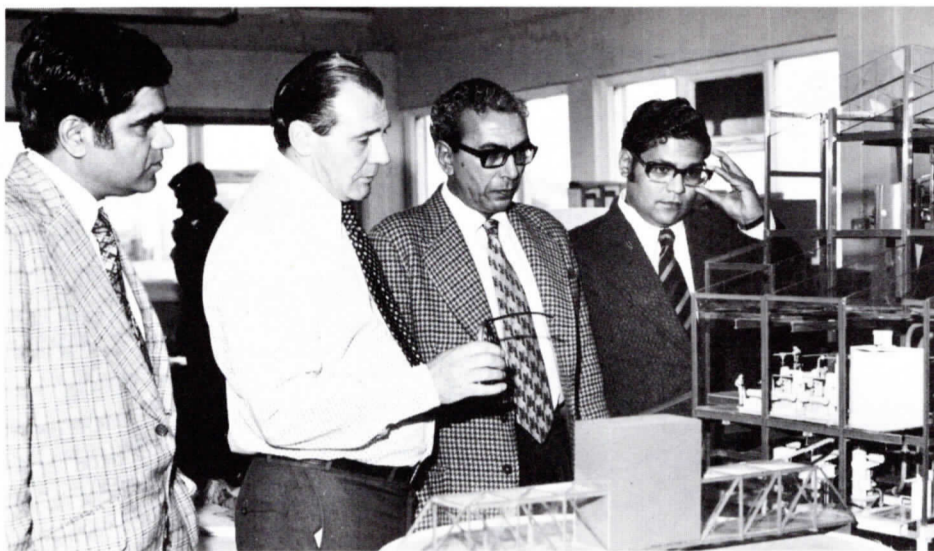
Memento for merit

The directors of Jawor Forge, Poland have shown their appreciation of the service given by B&S Massey service engineers in commissioning forging presses in their giant forge by awarding this medallion. Massey supplied £2.7m worth of forging presses for this project and their engineers have spent months in Poland installing the presses and giving instruction to the Polish maintenance engineers. This forge is reputed to have a greater press forging capacity than the GKN organisation, which is acknowledged as the largest supplier of forgings in Western Europe.

When presenting the medallion, Jawor directors said that Massey equipment and service was among the best of all contracting firms to the Jawor project and the quality of after-sales service proved Massey to be a good and honourable company to do business with.

Massey hope that this goodwill will stand them in good stead for the Ursus project (value £5m) when this comes to final placing of orders.

Indian visitors to HWPEL



Whilst on a visit to HWPEL Thornaby, three engineers from the TATA Iron and Steel Co, India, were shown the Dinnington coal preparation plant model. Photo shows Charlie Corbidge of HWPEL (2nd from left) describing the model to (l-r) Mr Mahmoud, Dr Safvi and Mr Bapat.

Welcome to trainees

Head Wrightson welcome two people from overseas who have joined the training centre at Thornaby as students and who have completed the first part of the year's training programme with great proficiency. **Ibrahim Halawani**, who is a machine shop acting supervisor at the Jeddah Oil Refinery in Saudi Arabia has recently completed 16 weeks training on a centre lathe of which he has had no previous experience and has received a glowing report on his progress from senior mechanical instructor Les Kitching. Ibrahim, who lives at Marton with his wife Ameera and baby daughter will be back in Jeddah at Christmas for the refinery shutdown but returns to England for the rest of his training. He speaks warmly of England and the friendliness of the English people.

Back in Saudi Arabia, the Halawanis will spend Christmas visiting friends and relations where food and soft drinks are served. The climate at this time of year is not too hot but air



Ibrahim (right) with instructor Les Kitching.

conditioning and the wearing of a "thoup" (robe) makes life more comfortable. Whilst talking of the tremendous development and technological advancement now taking place in his country, Ibrahim says that, against popular opinion, not all Saudi Arabians are wealthy. "There are still many poor people in Saudi Arabia" he said, "it is hoped that they will eventually benefit from the massive growth and development that springs from the country's wealth in oil."



Philip Cheung

Philip Cheung Fat Chuen travelled all the way from Hong Kong where he is a workshop instructor at the Polytechnic. He believes that the extra training at the HW training centre will improve his practical capabilities and therefore be of great assistance when training his own students. Philip returns to Hong Kong just before Christmas and will be in time to join in the various celebrations — parties, dances, entertainments etc. — that are all part of the western influence in his country. He will be re-united with his wife, Yvonne, to whom he has only been married 3 months.

Philip has accommodation at the YMCA in Stockton where there are sports and social facilities and the chance to meet other young people.

Both Ibrahim and Philip praise the training centre staff for their help and kindness during their last few months training and will take away with them a valuable experience and happy memories of HW and their stay in Cleveland.

Technical author aids Brazilian engineering

Guillermo Sanchez Estrella, head of procurement department at Villares Wrightson Engenharia Ltda, Sao Paulo, has published his second technical book in two years.

This work is entitled, "Manual of Material" and contains a wealth of useful information applicable to Brazilian engineering. Amongst the 450 pages are tables comparing international specifications for carbon steels, special steels, tubes, valves, bearings, lubricants and industrial paints. This sort of cross referenced information is essential in a rapidly developing country motivated by multi-national expertise. This book, like the first,

"Manual of Industrial Tables" published in 1975 has been well received by the Latin American technical press. Writing in the preface, Paulo Diederichsen Villares, President of the Villares Group, pays tribute to the thousands of spare-time hours spent by Guillermo in preparing the book and refers to his contributions to the industrial development of Brazil.

Guillermo, who originates from Equador, has been in Brazil since 1961 and has formed his own publishing company named, "Editoria Andina Ltda," having as its symbol the monument high in the Andes bearing the equatorial zero mark.

This year's graduates

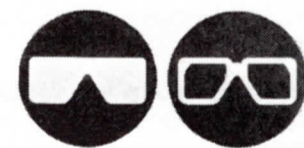


Head Wrightson graduates on arrival at B&S Massey. This visit was organised by the training centre at Yarm as part of their week's induction training course.

Good progress

In a previous issue of Wright Ahead it was reported that HWPEL London had been awarded a pollution control contract for an electrostatic precipitator system covering the two E plant iron ore sinter strands at BSC Scunthorpe. This involved the construction of two precipitators in a part of the building which, under normal circumstances, would have necessitated plant shut-down for 9 months, thus causing a considerable loss to the BSC. HWPEL, however, devised a scheme to by-pass the construction area with a temporary gas by-pass duct which allowed the sinter strands to continue production whilst the precipitators were being built.

The latest report on this contract from HWPEL is that the first by-pass was installed successfully during the August routine maintenance period. The work was completed with 5 days to spare and BSC are delighted with the way the by-pass is operating. It is to HWPEL's credit that the by-pass, which comprised about 115 tons of ducting and 20 tons of supports, was designed, fabricated and erected in 4 months.



wear goggles wear spectacles

Stewart pockets a prize

Ask Stewart Withers, assistant sales negotiator at HWPEL, Thornaby, what the time is and he'll amaze you by producing a gold Hunter pocket watch. Some of the money that went towards buying the watch was his prize for being elected, by the northern section of the Minerals Engineering Society, joint award winner for top marks in the City and Guilds Coal Preparation Practice Course exams. This was a one year course run in conjunction with the National Coal Board at their Whitburn offices. The presentation was made by the President of the Minerals Engineering Society at the northern section annual dinner held on 10th November.

Retirement Presentations

50 YEARS

Jack Suttill, Estimating, HW Teesdale. Joined Stockton Forge in 1927 as apprentice template maker. Welfare secretary and sick steward for 25 years and later secretary of the company's national savings effort. Secretary of the Head Wrightson garden produce and handicraft show for 27 years. Has served on many committees including the Thornaby Town Council, the HW Employees' Council and the Thornaby branch council of Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.



Jack Suttill and his wife.



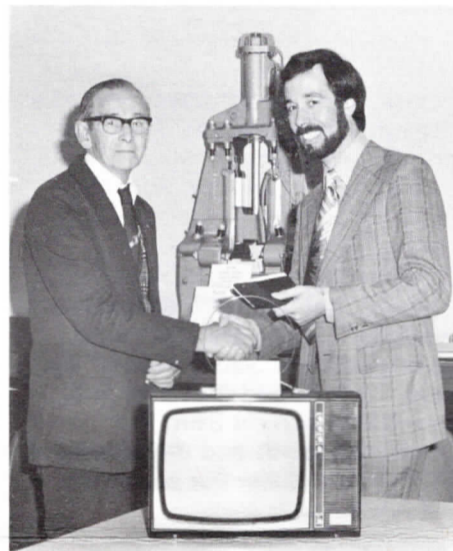
Fred Hodgson (left) and shop steward Jackie Hunter.

45 YEARS

Fred Hodgson, Machinist at HW Teesdale, Thornaby. Joined Head Wrightson as an apprentice at 14. After many years in the heavy machine bay, he was later transferred to light machining. A keen bowls player at HW for 30 years and an ex-member of the Employees' Council Athletic Committee. Member of the old HW Fire Brigade.



A presentation to Gladys Nurney (right) by Alan Howard, general manager and commercial director.



Managing director of B&S Massey (right) presents gifts to John Fitton.



Charles Humphries, site engineer (civil) from HWPEL Thornaby retired on 6th November. He was presented with retirement gifts by Les Wellings.

40 YEARS

Bill Hutchinson, Group Works Engineering Director. Joined in 1936 after serving apprenticeship at Furness Shipbuilding Co Ltd. Appointed assistant electrical engineer in 1942, electrical engineer in 1946 and chief works engineer in 1947. Appointed a director in 1974. At his retirement presentation, Bill said that in being responsible over the years for effecting many changes in the company's plant, buildings and services, he had always been fortunate in having the support of a first class team of people. Retirement gifts: Studio recorder, binoculars and stereo earphones.



A studio recorder is presented to Bill Hutchinson (left) by John Eccles.

39 YEARS

Walter Winter, Group Insurance Director, HW & Co. Walter was presented with a cassette radio & player and a 14" portable TV by Chairman, John Eccles.



Walter Winter (left) and John Eccles.

37 YEARS

John Fitton, Driller, B&S Massey. Retirement gifts presented to John were a portable TV, a wallet and cheque.

27 YEARS

Danny Reid, Saw Operator, Grosvenor Steel. Danny selected a continental quilt and accessories as retirement gifts from workmates.

16 YEARS

Gladys Nurney, Canteen assistant, B&S Massey. Gladys was presented with a stainless steel tea service and a cheque by Mr A J Howard, Commercial general manager and director.

Renown Special Steels on display



Renown Special Steels, one of the Wrightson steel stockholding companies within Head Wrightson, took a stand at the Engineering Industrial Exhibition in Watford during October.

Alan Day was responsible for the stand which incorporated a floral display based on the Queen's Jubilee symbol, made by members of a local floral society.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Wright Ahead editorial committee wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to receiving your articles, news items and photos by 31st January for the February '78 issue.



Christmas Fayre

(Recipes submitted by Marjorie Dinsley, HW Stampings).

Recipe for turkey left-overs:

TURKEY CREOLE

(Creole is traditional West Indian cooking)

Ingredients for 4-6 people:

- 1lb turkey meat — diced
- 14oz tin tomatoes
- 1 small onion
- 1 small green pepper
- 1 desert spoon capers (optional)
- 2oz butter or 2 tblsp vegetable oil
- 1 level tsp soft brown sugar
- 1 level tsp sweet chutney — preferably tomato chutney
- Salt
- Tabasco or chilli sauce
- Lemon juice
- 1 tbsp desiccated coconut

1. Peel and thinly slice the onion.
2. Wash the pepper — remove stalk and seed and chop the flesh.
3. Chop the capers, peel garlic.

4. Heat butter, or oil in a heavy based pan and cook onions until soft and transparent.

5. Crush garlic into pan and add chopped tomatoes and their juices, the pepper and the capers.

6. Add the chopped turkey.

7. Stir in sugar, coconut, tomato chutney, and season to taste with salt, a few drops of tabasco or chilli sauce and the lemon juice.

Serve with plain boiled rice or buttered noodles.

Recipe for delicious hot sweet which may be served as an alternative to Christmas pudding:

APRICOT FLAMBE WITH ALMONDS & CREAM

Ingredients:

- 1 large can Apricot Halves
- 2oz blanched almonds
- 1oz butter
- 1oz brown sugar
- 1 fl oz brandy

- ¼ pt double cream
- 1oz chopped toasted almonds

1. Drain apricots and retain juice.
2. Melt butter in large shallow pan on low heat.
3. Add sugar and stir continuously until sugar caramelises.
4. Stir in apricot juice and blanched almonds, bring to the boil.
5. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes.
6. Add the apricot halves and turn up the heat.
7. Float the brandy on top of apricots and set alight with a match. Turn off the heat.
8. When flames from brandy are extinguished turn mixture into serving dish.
9. Drizzle cream over the apricots and sprinkle with the chopped toasted almonds.

Party Punch

Madeira Mist (Enough for eight glasses). One bottle of Madeira. Two tablespoons of brandy. One cup of castor sugar. Four tablespoons of apricot brandy. Two cups of grapefruit. One cup of sliced pineapple.

Heat together the Madeira, brandy, sugar and apricot brandy. Then add the grapefruit and sliced pineapple. Serve hot.

Childrens' Colouring Competition

The picture is a scene from the new Walt Disney film "The Rescuers", which is being shown at the Odeon Cinema, Stockton, over the Christmas holiday.

We invite children (up to the age of 12) of HW Employees' to colour in the picture and send their entry to the Publicity Department (see address on p.8) by Wednesday 21st December 1977. The competition will be judged in 3 age groups (under 5, 5-8, 9-12) and a prize to the value of £5 will be awarded to the best entry within each of those groups.

Hurry! Don't miss this opportunity to win yourself a £5 prize.

(Don't forget to put your name, age and address on the bottom of your entry).

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AGE _____



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Christmas Abroad



North beach, Durban.

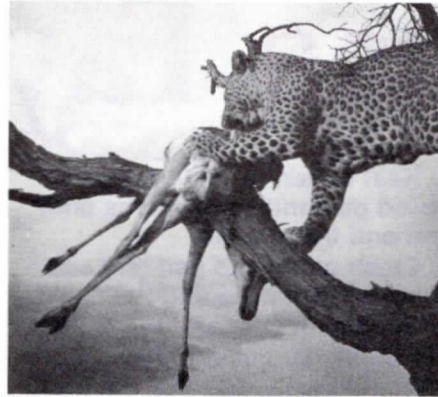
We invited our overseas companies to give an idea of how Christmas was celebrated in their countries. Mr R Norman of HW & Co South Africa Ltd reports:

"Christmas for South Africans, in common with Christian communities everywhere, is a time for gathering together with friends and relatives to celebrate the joyous occasion. There are Xmas Eve parties, the placing of presents under the gaily decorated tree, the excitement of Xmas morning as the children feverishly look to see what "Father Christmas" has sent them and church services for those who wish to renew their faith in the

true meaning of the Holy Festival. Christmas coincides with mid-summer in the Republic and with temperatures well into the 90's everyone moves out of doors. For those fortunate enough to own one, the swimming pool is the centre of attraction. Christmas Day lunch is the highlight! This is the time when the ladies (having previously prepared salads, mealie pap (a dryish corn meal paste) garlic bread and various trimmings) leave things to the men. This is the time of the Braawlies! (Barbeque). The fire is lit and when the coals are glowing red out come the steaks, chops, pieces of chicken and long strings of farm sausages called

"Boerewors." There are ample supplies of Lager beer, delectable South African wines and soft drinks for the children. For dessert, fresh fruit of all kinds are available.

Christmas is also a time for annual works holidays. Many of those who live on the Highveld (high plateau over 5,000 ft above sea level) in, or near to Johannesburg, load up their cars and travel to the warm washed beaches on the East coast, the Drakensberg Mountains or one of the numerous game



reserves. The largest of these, the Kruger National Park, is situated in the Eastern Lowveld and covers an area about the size of Wales.

For the Urban Blacks, Christmas is a time to return to their Kraals (villages) where they are eagerly greeted by friends and relatives. In the cool of the evening, all sit around the campfire where a freshly killed goat or sheep is roasting. Many a tale is told of life in the big city then, under the light of the southern cross and in perfect harmony, the age old songs of Africa are sung."

Childrens' Christmas Treat

The Employees' Council has arranged a special Christmas cinema show at the Odeon Cinema, Stockton on Wednesday and Thursday 28th & 29th December at 2.00 pm. The main feature will be the new Disney film "The Rescuers".

An allocation of seats has also been reserved at the Odeon Cinema, Hartlepool on 29th December for HW Stampings, the main feature being "Swiss Family Robinson", another Disney production.

Tickets are available for children of HW employees between the ages of 4 and 14 inclusive by completion of application forms obtainable from divisional council representatives.



Christmas Quiz

This competition is open to all Head Wrightson current and retired employees.

Q. If you visited Bethlehem today, in what country would you be?

A.

Q. And if you visited Nazareth, where would you be?

A.

Q. What was the date of the year following 1 BC?

A.

Q. What does "Adeste fideles" mean?

A.

Q. What nationality was the composer of "Silent Night"?

A.

Q. Boiled beef or mutton in broth, with brown bread, raisins, spice, cloves, mace and ginger. What is it?

A.

Q. Who popularised the Christmas tree in England?

A.

Q. When were Christmas cards first used in Britain?

A.

Q. Does a Dutch youngster hang up his stocking on Christmas Eve?

A.

Q. How many ghosts of Christmas did Ebenezer Scrooge see?

A.

Q. What is Santa Claus' real name?

A.

Q. How many reindeer does Santa Claus have?

A.

Q. What is a kissing bough?

A.

Q. How far back does the custom of giving presents at Christmas go?

A.

WRIGHT AHEAD QUIZ

This is a quiz to see how many of you actually read "Wright Ahead"!

Q.1 In what year did the HW Football team win the South Bank & District League Challenge Cup?

Q.2 When was the HW Drama Society formed?

Q.3 Who went North instead of South to sunbathe and relax?

Q.4 Never welcome "Trudi dish". Which group of HW specialists found out how to keep her at bay? Sorry! We are not giving a prize for this.

Answers and details of winners of our three Christmas competitions will be given in the next issue.

CHILDRENS' EASY WORD GAME

How many different words of at least three letters can you make out of

CHRISTMAS

A prize for the child up to the age of 12 who sends in the most words by 21st December 1977. (Don't forget to put your name and address on your entry). Open to children of HW employees only.

Completed entries should be sent to the Publicity Dept before 21st December on which date a ballot will be made of all the correct solutions. The first three drawn will each receive a prize to the value of £10.

NAME

ADDRESS

AGE



Sponsored walk raised £200



It has been reported that the HWPEL (Thornaby) social section's sponsored walk in the Cleveland Hills in September eventually raised £200 for the Cleveland Scanner campaign (£135 from sponsors and £65 donated by the company).

The above photo shows the cheque being wafted around by (left) Harry Simpson and John Willis, both from HWPEL (Th).

Wedding Bells



Kathy Rawson, Secretary to Mr P Hargreaves, Group Financial Director at HW & Co Yarm has married Paul Hunt who works at Barclays Bank, Hartlepool. The wedding was held at Egglecliffe Parish Church on 29th October. The reception was at the Parkmoor Hotel, Eaglescliffe.



John Sanderson, Foundry foreman at HW (Steelcast) Thornaby married Dorothy Miller, typist at the HW Billingham foundry on 22nd October. The couple were married at St Mark's Church, Fairfield, Stockton, and the groomsmen were Ray Robson, also from HW (Steelcast).



Helen Taylor, Cost Analyst in the computer department at HW & Co, Yarm, married Simon Peutrill of Armstrong Cork Co at St Martin's Church, Kirklevington on 10th September.

Fine performance

Congratulations to Susan Kennerley of the Personnel Dept at HW & Co Yarm, on her performance in the Eaglescliffe Stage Society's production of "The Queen's Ring" which was entered in the annual Sedgfield Drama Festival. Despite the fact that the play was produced at Peterlee Technical College — on a stage about three times as large as "at home", the play came fourth out of 12 entries in the Festival. Moreover, for the second year running, Eaglescliffe Stage Society won the Hutton Shield for the best set for this production. Susan's next performance will be in the Christmas pantomime 'Cinderella'.

Anyone for Lapidary?



Alan Steele at his workbench.

When a member of staff at Cleveland Museum's Information Centre was asked by a reporter if she knew any strange, interesting people, the answer came back "Yes! My brother!"

The brother in question is Alan Steele, draughtsman at PEL (T) who's a lapidary, an enameller, a leatherworker, a silversmith, a jet-carver, a beachcomber and fossil collector.

Alan relates the story of how his interest in such activities was first aroused by finding attractive pebbles and fossils on local beaches. Now his knowledge is such that he teaches at the Teesside Lapidary Society's meetings held at the Berwick Hills Community Centre in Middlesbrough.

Apart from imparting his knowledge to others, Alan also operates on a limited commercial basis when the local craft community holds fairs throughout the Cleveland area approximately once a month.

Working in his father's double garage, Alan has produced sufficient work to hold his own exhibition in the Cleveland Centre, the main shopping precinct in Middlesbrough and next year hopes to give working demonstrations of his crafts again, during the internationally famous Billingham Folklore Festival to be held next August.

If you're going to try your hand at similar hobbies it can be expensive, especially if you are buying new equipment. Take lapidary — working on the engraving, cutting and polishing of stones and gems. A tumbler¹ is needed for polishing — £10; a variable protractor for faceting² — £300 upwards; a lap grinder or a diamond abrasive wheel is used for cabochon work³ — £50; and finally a 6" diamond saw for cutting work — £25. That totals at least £385.

But don't let that put you off for through careful planning and buying, Alan was able to set up his equipment for all his five crafts for about £200. And if you join your local Lapidary Society you can gain access to their know-how and equipment for all these things, with the exception of leatherwork.

If you are interested in lapidary either Alan or your local branch of the Society would be willing to advise.

¹ tumbler work involves the polishing but not shaping or faceting of gems in a revolving drum.

² faceting is the exacting art and science of cutting flat sides on a gem so that it sparkles.

³ cabochon work involves the grinding and polishing of gemstones into round and domed forms.

Highest Award for photography

Mr James Milnes, an ex-employee of HW Teesdale, who died in September last year, has been posthumously awarded the Photographic Society of America's citation for outstanding achievement in photography — the highest possible award for amateur photography. His widow,

Mrs Brenda Milnes, received the award from Mr Wallace Thompson, Langbaugh's Chief Architect at Stockton Central Library on Friday, 18th November. This was only the second time in the 18,000 member world-wide society's history that the award has been made.

Mr Bill Fortune, Financial Director at HW Teesdale and John K Taylor of the R&D Division, who is Chairman of the 3D Society, also attended the presentation.

Mr Milnes was known throughout the world of photography and amassed a remarkable list of achievements and honours in what was his spare time occupation.

SOCIAL SCENE



(l-r back row) G Stafford, cribb; A G Stevenson, bowls; (front row) D Flint, darts; R Bennett, pool; Norman Dewsnap (B&S Massey) captain of winning dominoes team is not on the photograph.

On the 14th October 1977 a games evening was held at the Edgar Allen Sports Club in Droylsden, the two competing companies being Grosvenor Steel and B&S Massey Ltd.

They competed against each other in darts, dominoes, cribbage, pool and bowls — (played the previous Sunday) Grosvenor taking 4 of the trophies and Massey one.

A social evening followed the games with dancing and a potato pie supper.

It is hoped to make this an annual event.

Joint Jubilee/ Christmas event

A Buffet Dance organised by the Research & Development Division at The Eagle Hotel, Thornaby on 11th November was well attended and an enjoyable evening. The dance was a combined 'Jubilee' and 'Christmas' event.



HW (Steelcast) Billingham — some of the football team.



Organiser of the darts competitions — John Cox.



Fred Gamble (left) receiving his darts trophy from Bill Adams.

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9/12/77 Grosvenor Steel buffet dance, Droylsden, Manchester.

13/12/77 HW Teesdale dinner dance, Billingham Arms.

17/12/77 HW Stampings office party, Swallow Hotel, Stockton.

19/12/77 HW & Co party, Blacksmith's Arms, Swainby.

22/12/77 HWPEL Thornaby dinner dance, The Ladle, Middlesbrough.

22/12/77 HW Social Club Carnival Dance, Thornaby.

29/12/77 HW Teesdale children's party, Teesdale Hall, Thornaby.

28-29/12/77 HW Employees' Council children's treat, The Odeon Cinema, Stockton 2.00 pm (and at The Odeon Cinema, Hartlepool on 29th Dec).

21/1/78 Grosvenor Steel children's pantomime — "Dick Whittington".

28/1/78 HW (Steelcast) staff dinner dance, The Eagle, Thornaby.

End of a busy social year

Reporting on social activities at The Head Wrightson Machine Co, Jean Kendle, social secretary, has had a busy year organising functions such as a wine and cheese evening, a barbecue, a staff dance and various theatre visits throughout the area. The company dance, held on 18th November at The Post House Hotel, Thornaby was the first of it's kind and proved to be an enjoyable and successful evening.

Near Christmas, there is the children's treat — "Dick Whittington" at Darlington and seats have already been booked for a Bruce Forsyth show in February.

SPORTS PARADE

The annual HW Sports Prize Presentation and social function held at the Social Club, Thornaby on Wednesday 2nd November was friendly and relaxed but not quite the same without the HW Stampings teams who, this year, were not able to attend.

Prizes were presented by Mr Bill Adams, Chairman of HWPEL, to the winning and runner up teams for the Football, Cricket, Bowls and Darts inter-departmental competitions. Entertainment, by a man and wife team known as "Crack & Dawn" caused much hilarity throughout the evening. This year's trophy winners were:

FOOTBALL
winners —
HW Stampings
runners up —
HW (Steelcast) Billingham

CRICKET
winners — HWPEL
runners up —
HW Stampings
BOWLS (three rink)
winners — HWPEL
runners up —
HWT M'brough works
(single rink)
winners — HWPEL 'B'
runners up —
HWT Maintenance 'A'
DARTS Team event
winners —
HW (Steelcast) Billingham
runners up —
HW (Steelcast) Thornaby
Individual
winner —
F Gamble, Training Centre
runner up —
D Jackson, HW (Ironcast)



HWPEL Thornaby — members of the cricket team.



Dave Westwood, representative from the HW (Steelcast) Thornaby team.