

Wright Ahead

Head Wrightson news

August 1978

£15m ETL order for HWM

Sales negotiations, started two and a half years ago, bore fruit last month when a six strong sales team flew into Teesside airport from Yugoslavia with an order for a £15m tinplate plant to be built at Sabac, Belgrade for Hemijska Industrija Zorka and Jugometal.

This will be the first electrolytic tinning plant to be built in Yugoslavia and it includes coil preparation, shearing and inspection lines. It will have a potential output of 150,000 tonnes of tinned strip per year for use in the manufacture of tin cans for the food and packaging industry.

HWM beat Japanese, French and German competition to win the order and a contributory factor to their success was their technical expertise in the design and supply of this kind of plant. Similar lines have been supplied by HWM to the British Steel Corporation and to the Russians.

While this welcome addition to the HWM order book could lead to more engineering staff being taken on next year it also means more work for the machine and fabrication shops. It is estimated that orders over £5m could be placed with the Middlesbrough and Thornaby works.

While HWM were in the final

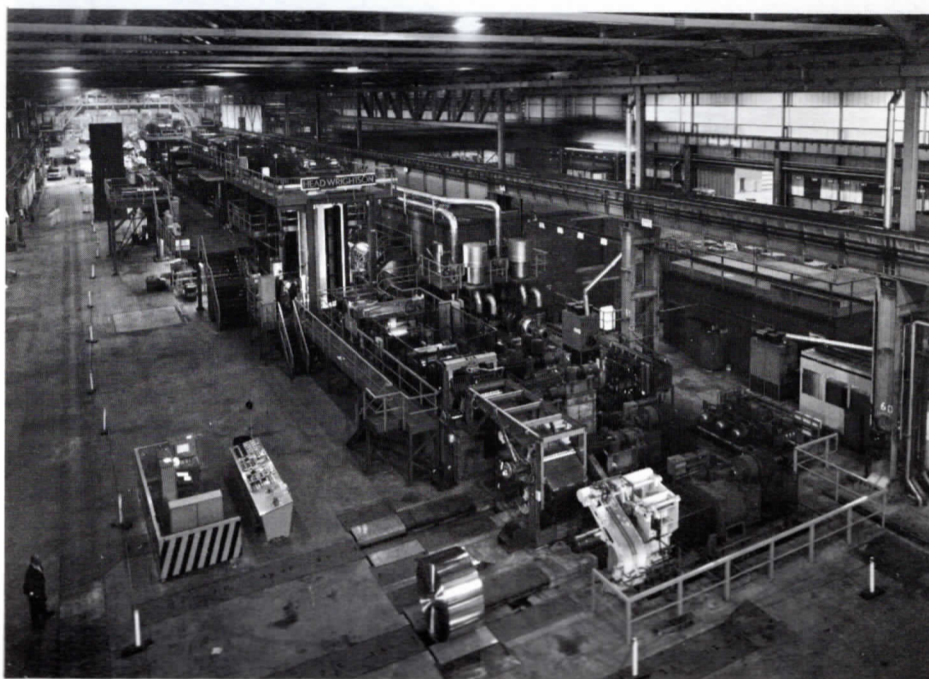
stages of winning the Yugoslav order their site engineers were busy completing a similar electrolytic line at the Ebbw Vale works of British Steel Corporation which has now been commissioned in record time.

This line was ordered from HWM just over three years ago to meet the rising demand for tinplate both at home and overseas. With its completion BSC have increased their tinplate capacity by over 200,000 tons a year and some idea of the new line's capacity can be gained by the fact that in just one shift it is able to produce sufficient tinplate to make nine million beer cans.

Ebbw Vale was also the site for the first ETL to be built outside of America. This was installed in 1947, and designed to run at 600 feet per minute is still in working order.

The Strip Mills division of BSC now have twelve lines in their group five of which have been supplied by HWM.

An indication of the tremendous advances in design and technology that have taken place in this field is given by the speed of the latest HWM line which runs three times as fast as the first one installed at Ebbw Vale thirty years ago.



Electrolytic Tinning Plant at BSC Ebbw Vale Works. View of exit end with finished tinplate coil in centre foreground.

PEL know-how wins £1¼m order

A new engine plant being built by the Ford Motor Company at Bridgend is to incorporate machine shop dust extraction equipment supplied by HWPEL London. In the new plant Fords will be machining cast iron cylinder block castings and for the first time will be making cylinder heads in aluminium. Both of these operations require a dust

extraction system to collect the iron and aluminium dust as well as the oil fume mist.

This is the first plant of this type to be supplied by PEL London and they were able to win the £1¼m order because of their wide experience and engineering capability in dust and fume extraction.

The order includes eight small wet "Divansco" scrubbers which are manufactured by Environmental Emission Control Ltd and is the first phase of the project. PEL have also submitted a bid for the second phase which has a similar contract value.

Cleaner plant for BSC

The first of two electrostatic precipitators being supplied to the BSC Appleby Frodingham sinter plant by HWPEL London, came into operation ahead of schedule on 29 June.

It is designed to clean sinter plant gases to a standard which will meet the requirements of the Alkali Inspectorate and should help to counteract recent complaints at Scunthorpe Borough Council Meetings about atmospheric pollution from the steelworks.

A novel feature of the order which PEL received in 1976 was their design solution for shortening plant down time during installation by means of a

temporary gas by-pass duct. This meant that work could take place without any interruption to the production of sinter, thus saving BSC several thousands of pounds.

The second precipitator which completes the £2m order will be brought into operation in about nine months time.



BSC Scunthorpe Appleby Frodingham Sinter Plant main strand precipitator nearing completion.



HWM Sales Team back at Teesside airport after securing £15m order in Yugoslavia. Left to right Jim Scott, Peter Llewellyn, Alan Hurst, David Renshaw, Jean Griffiths, John Spence and Bob Olley.

Massey success at Ford

After months of hard negotiation involving visits by Ian Ford, Terry Nunnington, John Rhodes and Alan Knott to Fords, Dagenham, and Cologne, Massey have succeeded in gaining orders worth

over £1½m for a 2500 ton forging press and a 350 ton "Wide Ram" trimming press for a Ford expansion programme in their Forge Division.

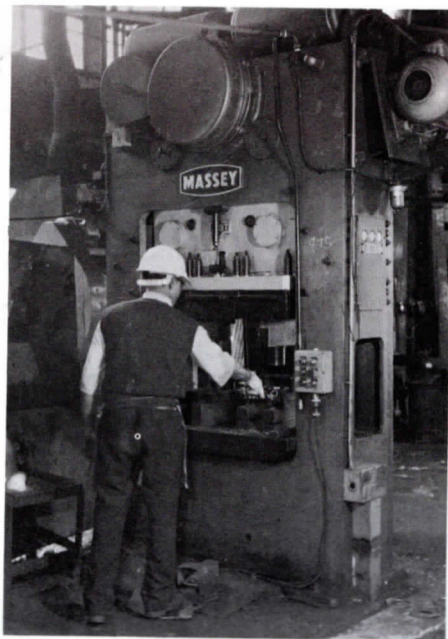
Not only does this represent immediate work for Massey's shops, but the total Ford programme involves more presses and having gained the first order Massey should be well placed in the negotiations when Ford continue their exercise. Already, talks have been held involving a 1000 ton forging press and another 350 ton "Wide Ram" trimming press.

Massey break into USA market

Immediate results have been achieved by the National Welding Corporation of Michigan who have recently concluded an agreement to represent B&S Massey in the United States.

They have sold two Massey "Wide Ram" trimming presses, one 250 ton and one 350 ton, to Sifco, Cleveland, USA. The value of this order totals £132,000. Of more importance than the value is the fact that this is the first sale of Massey forging plant in the United States since the war, in spite of years of frustrated sales efforts by Massey sales staff and directors.

Massey have in the past made good sales of forging and trimming presses to Sifco Do Brasil, a subsidiary company in Brazil and evidently the performance of these machines has had a good influence on the parent company in the States.



A Massey trimming press - this one is installed at A J Vaughan & Co (Mitre Works) Ltd.

New products for Massey

As part of their efforts to obtain a larger slice of the market for forging equipment B&S Massey have recently made two additions to their product range.

It was announced in June that they had been appointed sole UK selling agent for the forging equipment supplied by the German firm Franz Berrenberg. This is a range of fast striking forging presses which is complementary to existing Massey products. The presses which incorporate friction screw drive and electro pneumatic control are used for die forging steel components and hot pressing in non-ferrous metals.

They are also now able to provide the "Milwaukee Pow'r Arm" a device which, when attached to a press or hammer, enables one man to easily lift or lower large dies and tooling etc. This device can handle a load of up to 2000 lbs.

Thank You

On Tuesday evening, July 4, HWPEL held a Cocktail Party in the Four Seasons Suite of the Swallow Hotel, Stockton in appreciation of the employees' efforts and to mark a highly successful and profitable year for PEL.

The occasion coincided with the departure of Mr Neil Cherrett to take up his appointment as Managing Director of Davy Ashmore International Ltd, and the arrival from DAI of PEL's new Managing Director, Dr Keith Hoyle.

The buffet supper was enjoyed by all, and judging by the number of enquirers wishing to know the date of the next Cocktail Party, it may be safely assumed that the evening was much appreciated by the 260 plus members of staff who attended.

Grosvenor at Petrotech



Grosvenor Steel stand at Petrotech 78 Exhibition held in Amsterdam from 23 to 26 May. This was the third time Grosvenor had participated in this international event. Holland is becoming an increasingly important market to Grosvenor and about 25% of their current order book originated from that country. Pictured are Alan Clarke and Trevor Jewitt manning the stand.

Ravenscraig "A Credit"

The new No 3 sinter plant at BSC Ravenscraig Works, Scotland, designed and supplied by HWPEL Thornaby was officially opened on Thursday 23 May by the Right Hon Gregor MacKenzie MP, Minister of State, Scottish Office.

In a special feature in the BSC newspaper, "Steel News" the Divisional Managing Director of BSC Scottish Division, was reported as having said that the plant was "already highly successful and a credit to the contractors Head Wrightson".

To celebrate the opening HWPEL held a private dinner party for British Steel Management members at the Bruce Hotel, East Kilbride on the evening of 23 May.



Guests at the HWPEL dinner party included (left) Nicholas Meysson (Delattre Lavivier) and Bob Allison (BSC Ravenscraig).



The official start up operation at BSC Ravenscraig Works No 3 sinter plant was performed by The Rt. Hon. Gregor MacKenzie, MP, Minister of State, Scottish office.

Goodwill visit



On Monday, 24th July, the Mayor and Councillors of Stockton on Tees Council visited the Thornaby Works of HW Teesdale. This was a goodwill visit to try and give the councillors an insight into the operations of a major engineering company. The picture shows R J Edwards, Managing Director, and the Mayor, Councillor R Dobson, viewing a heat exchanger tube bundle which forms part of a major export order.

Visitors... Letter from from the past France

The problem of late deliveries was something in which Dany Cordy, a French business studies student who recently spent 2½ months in HWT purchasing dept., was particularly interested.

Dany, aged 21, a student at the "Institut Superior de Gestion Commerciale" (ISGC) was on an exchange visit arranged between Teesside Polytechnic and her college and as well as gaining commercial experience she was working on a project "Late deliveries in England". She was ably instructed by George Heaton and Les Jones on how HW tackled this problem. On her return to France Dany will be comparing her experiences here with those in a French company.

She said that she saw one of the main difficulties as being one of stopping "acceptance of the situation" and hoped that her results when complete could be of benefit to HW.

Dany has now returned home for a holiday but commented just before her departure that she had really enjoyed her first stay in England and would love to return next year.



Dany Cordy.

and Brazil



Adelson Astolpho from Villares Wrightson in Brazil recently made a short trip to England to visit some of our companies. In the picture Adelson is hearing all about the HWT organisation from Frank Seaman of the General Engineering Division.

Letter from the past

Our thanks to Bill Saunders, one of our retired employees, for writing to us enclosing his original letter of appointment of 50 years ago which is reproduced here. As Bill rightly says his starting wage which incidentally was at the age of 23, would now hardly be adequate as an hourly rate.

The chief draughtsman of those days, Jos Thompson, who according to Bill was a friendly man, evidently found Bill suitable as he was kept on after his month's trial and given a 5 shillings rise.

Bill who now lives in Marlborough Road, Stockton went on to do 42 years service with HW Teesdale retiring in 1970.

31st December, 1927.

Mr. W. H. Saunders,
126 Arlington Street
STOCKTON-on-Tees.

Dear Sir,

Further to our interview of the 30th instant, we shall be pleased if you will arrange to commence your duties on Thursday the 5th January '28, at 8-45 a.m. for one month's trial, at 30/- per week, as agreed. The Drawing Office hours are 8-45 a.m. to 12-30, and 2 p.m. to 5-15 p.m.

Yours faithfully

Reproduction of Bill's letter of appointment - 50 years ago.

Modules Validated

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The following trainees have achieved the required standard in their training.

HW Stampings

G F Ferguson J1 Mechanical Maint Part 1

K Russell J1 Mechanical Maint Part 1

S W Jameson J1 Mechanical Maint Part 1

W Armstrong J1 Mechanical Maint Part 1

HW Teesdale (Thornaby)

K J Slocombe D21 Thick Plate Working Part 2

P Rutherford F10 General Welding & Cutting

HW Teesdale (Middlesbrough)

S A Roche H3 Fitting Part 1

M Flanagan H2 Turning Part 1

P M Ash H23 Turning Part 2

P M Ash, K J Slocombe and

P Rutherford now qualify to receive the EITB Certificate of Craftsmanship having achieved the minimum standard required.

Particular mention should be made of Harry Slocombe who has proved himself to be an extremely able apprentice qualifying for his certificate nine months before his twentieth birthday. He completed his first module in eight months and his second in thirteen months. John was also this year's winner of the Sandy Muir award and during his first year in 1976 was narrowly defeated as Apprentice of the Year.

Cheers for Fozzie



In immaculate condition, for the time being, is the red, white and blue NESSTOCK stock car with Fozzie at the wheel. Both ready for the 'off' outside NESSTOCK buildings before the semi-finals.

On Sunday 30 July over eighty stock cars from all parts of Britain will gather at Hartlepool Stadium to compete in the stock car Championship of the World semi-final.

During the afternoon they will battle it out through a series of heats to establish which twenty cars are to take part in the last event of the day, the semi-final. The first ten of these will earn the right to compete in the final at Belle Vue Manchester with drivers from other parts of the world, later

in the year.

As well as a place in the final, there is also some £3,000 in prize money at stake, of which £250 goes to the winner of the semi.

A number of Nesstock employees and their friends are planning to be there on the 30th to cheer on the Nesstock car - number 195, driven by FOZZIE FRATER. We wish him the best of luck and hope he can earn that trip to Manchester.



Harry Slocombe, winner of this year's Sandy Muir award.

Help for Inter-TIE Dance Team

When HWPEL Thornaby heard that one of the Junior Folk Dance Teams from France had lost their spending money (£150) during the Cleveland Inter-Tie week. The company generously donated £75 to make up half the loss. The cheque was handed over to the Bagad Men Glaz Team from Trelaze, Brittany by HWPEL's Sales Manager, Bryan Johnston on Friday 28th July. Two days before, Bryan had attended the Junior Folk Dance Competition Event, which was sponsored by HWPEL and won by Bugale Ar Mor, also from France.



wear goggles wear spectacles

DEATHS

MAY

J. B. Atkinson - Retired.

JUNE

J. W. Green - Retired

T. W. Frosdick - Retired

W. Sanders - HWT M'bro

R. Atkinson - NESSTOCK.

JULY

F. Granger - PEL Thornaby

J. A. Mole - Retired

G. Warwick - Retired

C. Garbutt - Thornaby Steel Foundry.

Appointments

HWPEL Thornaby

Dr Keith Hoyle Managing Director. Dr Hoyle was previously Sales Director at Davy Ashmore and replaces Neil Cherrett who has been appointed Managing Director of Davy Ashmore.

Stuart G Waites Assistant Office Sales Manager.

Mr Waites will continue to be responsible for the management of the proposals and estimating sections of the sales dept.

Margaret Partridge Secretary to Dr K Hoyle.

Jackie Clemmet Secretary to Mr P E Rooksby.

HWT Thornaby

Heat Exchanger Division
Derek Cross Sales Executive
Barry Brignall Sales Executive
Dave Slimming Sales Engineer

Nuclear Division

John Lawson Operations Manager,
Gas Cooled Reactors.

B&S Massey:

John Davies, Rotaform Manager
George Baker, Sales Manager for Spares and Refurbishing
John Rhodes, Sales Engineer
Forging plant in England and Wales

Bob Hynes, Sales Engineer EDM
Frank Elliott, Sales (Western Europe), Massey forging plant
Ian Burnett, Sales (Eastern Europe), Massey forging plant
John Slater, Chief Electrician.



Dr Keith Hoyle



Stuart Waites



Margaret Partridge



Jackie Clemmet

At the end of March we saw the retirement of Harry Wood, computer supervisor with HW Steelcast, after 48 years with the company. Harry, one of the few people who can still remember the "boys' office" started work there at the age of 14 in 1930 and worked in various commercial departments before being appointed chief clerk in the steel foundry after his war service.

He was commercial manager of HW Steel Foundries at Thornaby for 18 years and has had the unusual distinction of working under seven different managing directors.

Harry was a keen sportsman and played cricket for HW and Yarm in the N. Yorks & S.W. Durham league but now devotes most of his spare time to his main interest of gardening. He always said that he would retire to Whitby and true to his word has already moved there. We wish him well!

At a "do" in the HW Social Club, Harry was presented with a portable TV — a gift from management and staff.

Retirements

B&S Massey:

Mrs. V. N. Boulton 30 years
Mrs. D. Ogden 29 years
Miss M. Scully 36 years
Mrs. L. Taylor 12 years
J. Ashton 37 years
H. Boulton 44 years
F. Knopik 22 years
S. Simon 47 years
G. Stanway 46 years
A. J. Thorpe 48 years.

HW Teesdale

Cornelius Meadley 30 years.

HW Steelcast, Billingham

J. Ashley 21 years
C. J. Fox 23 years
J. M. McDermottroe 21 years.



Harry Wood pictured with friends and colleagues at HW Steelcast, Thornaby, on his retirement.

Wedding Bells

Bernard Kohn, of the computer department HW Stampings was married to Miss Anne Niman on 18th June in Middlesbrough Synagogue.



Bernard and Anne Kohn. Photo by kind permission of Arnold Kitson, Marton.

Miss Diane Hudson, punch operator in HW Stampings computer department got married to Mr John Kenny at St James' Church, Hartlepool on 3rd June.



Diane and John Kenny.

Harry Simpson, Buyer, HWPEL married Lynn MacLeod, a nurse, on Tuesday 27 June at Middlesbrough Registry Office. Reception was at The Ladle Hotel, Middlesbrough.

Wedding gifts from friends and colleagues at HWPEL included a continental quilt, valise, sheets and pillowcases and bathtowels. Presentation was made by Procurement Director Mr P E Rooksby.



Harry Simpson turning his back on the world in preparation for his wedding day.

One of the characters from Steelcast's Billingham foundry. Charlie Fox, retired early in July after 23 years with the company. Charlie, who started as a labourer from Ashmores in 1955, was employed on his retirement as stocktaker of materials used in the foundry, being noted for his neat and meticulous records.

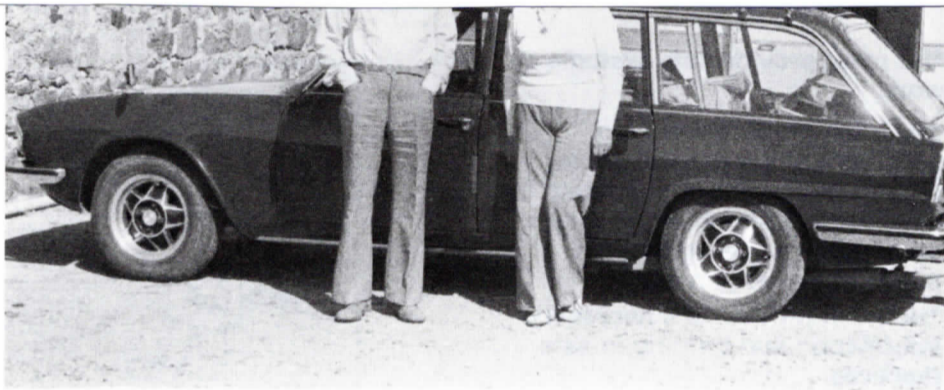
When he took on this job there was no formal means of keeping

track of foundry materials but Charlie quickly put in his own system which was officially adopted by Steelcast.

Charlie, a keen camper, is planning a camping holiday in Scotland which he will combine with his other main interest of cine photography. Unlike most men on their retirement, Charlie will not be spending more time in the garden, he admits that he leaves that to his wife!



Charlie Fox being presented with a radio by Works Manager, Bill Wilson on his retirement.



Les and Nancy Bell with caravan en route for Morocco.

"Now our working days are over
Let us seek the winter sunshine
France and Spain and far Morocco
And return for England's
springtime".
So we said one to another
And we made our preparations.
So one day in dark November
We began a wondrous journey
With our caravan behind us
Left we soon the shores of
England.
Left the ice and snow and
blizzards
(For we heard from far how
dreadful
Was the winter in our homeland).
But for us the sun shone glorious
In the blue sky of Morocco
And at night the brilliant stars
shone
And the moon in glory floated
Through a sky of darkest velvet.
And we saw so many wonders
Saw the mighty Atlas mountains
With their gleaming snowy mantle
Saw the almond trees in blossom
Saw the fields of wild narcissi
Saw the dry and stony southlands
And the sands of the Sahara
Saw the camels and the donkeys
And the goats that climbed the
fruit trees.
Saw the strange and alien people
Dressed in robes of many colours
Riding on their little donkeys
Tending flocks along the roadside
Ploughing fields with yoked oxen
Drawing water from the
well-heads
As you read of in the Bible
As they lived in long gone ages.
And the women, veiled and secret
Living in their blind-eyed houses
Within walls we may not enter.
Saw the great Imperial (1) cities
With their Kasbahs (2) and
Mdinas(3)
and the Souks (4), where loudly
clamour
Jostling throngs in many colours.

Urging us to buy their Kaftans (5)
Silver, brass, Moroccan leather
Laughingly we bargain with them
And return with many presents.
And the guides who wish to guide
us
Where we have no need of
guiding
And the naughty boys a-begging,
Cigarettes and dirhams begging
"Give us dirhams(6), give us
bonbons"
So they cry with great persistence
'Til at last we send them packing.
So the length and breadth of
Maroc
Have we travelled, hearts rejoicing
Swum in waters warm and limpid
In the pool of Bleue de Mesque
Where the palm trees shade the
water
In that lovely green oasis.
Danced with Berbers in the
moonlight
To the rhythm of their drumbeats
Rested in their bright pavilions
Decked with gorgeous rugs and
cushions
Gathered perfumed orange
blossom
From the trees that line the
roadsides
Talked and laughed and looked
and listened
With the people of Morocco.
Now we turn towards our
homeland
To the bosom of our family
Where the gentle rains of April
Fall upon the green of England.
Say good-bye to our companions
Who have shared these wonders
with us.
When the East wind blows in
England
And the chilly rain is falling
We shall think of far Morocco
And the winter sun that warmed
us
In that land of many wonders.

D Whitelock, M Wicks.

Teesdale, Middlesbrough:—
J S G Izzard, J J A McGready,
J R Scott, A Swales.

HW Machine Co:—
(Technician) A E Garner,
J M H Jones, S J Llewellyn.

HW Stampings:—
(Craft) P Daley, I Darbey,
A Davison, M Dunn, J Ferry, M
Healey, K Hill, M A Inglesant, G
Riley, M Stephenson, T N Taylor,
C W Wallace, (Technician)
K Lowther.

D Taylor.

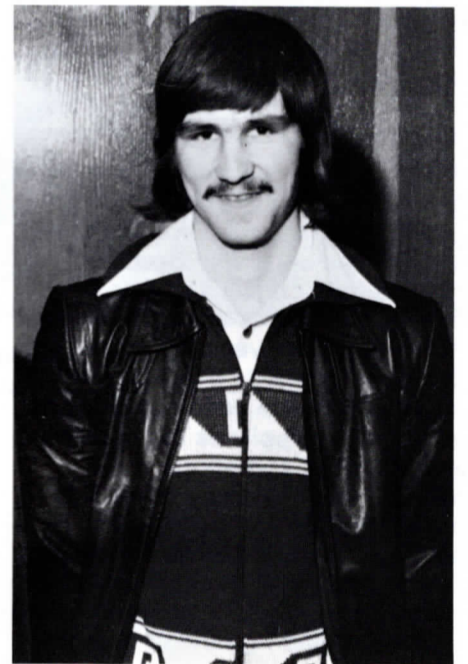
Steelcast, Stockton:—
(Foundry Tech) D Newman.

After the presentation of
certificates, Mr Adams went on to
present two trainees with awards
for outstanding performance
during the first year of training.
The first of these, The Starrett
Award, went to Tony Taylor, a
trainee die sinker at HW
Stampings. Tony received an
engraved micrometer for being the
best mechanical first year craft
trainee of 1977. His good work and
high marks in all sections of his
training while in the training
centre also placed Tony among
the contenders for the apprentice
of the year award.

(Mary Burton Award, page 6)



Moroccan soldier guarding the tomb
of King Mohamed V.



Tony Taylor winner of the Starrett
Award 78.

We need your news

Information that could lead to
news items for Wright Ahead will
be gratefully received by your
editorial committee representative.
Alternatively ring Peter Whitton or
Melanie MacBrayne at The
Friarage, telematic no 137.

- (1) Meknes and Fez were each in turn
the capitals of early dynasties. Rabat
is now the capital of Hassan II whose
father Mohamed V won, for Morocco,
its independence.
- (2) A Kasbah is the fortified centre of a
town.
- (3) A Mdina is a walled city housing
most of the inhabitants of the town,
in narrow alley-ways. You need a
guide to find your way.
- (4) A Souk is a native market,
sometimes in the open. More often
tiny shops and stalls within the
Mdina.
- (5) A Kaftan is a richly embroidered robe
for ladies, with wide sleeves.
- (6) A Dirham is worth about 11 pence.

For your safety

New safety regulations come into force on 1st October this year which entitle recognised trade unions to appoint safety representatives to carry out statutory functions. The implications of this have been discussed at works council level to determine the make up of future safety committees with the objective of achieving a smooth transition from the present system. Present safety committees are small and while the new regulations allow for much larger representation it makes sense for the reformed committees to be kept to a reasonable size in order that they retain their effectiveness.

Over the past few years there have been general improvements in attitudes to safety at work and HW companies have also become more safety conscious. Our accident statistics are considerably lower than last year with time lost through accidents being about half of what it was a year ago. Results of our safety policies can also be seen around and about in the works where in many cases it is now obligatory to wear safety hats and spectacles. HWT Steelcast and Stampings have paid particular attention to eye protection and as well as providing normal safety glasses are supplying optically corrected safety glasses for the spectacle wearers, and HWT are also concerned about the level of noise in certain parts of the works and are undertaking a survey to examine ways of combatting this.

While it seems that our attitude to health and safety at work is in keeping with the spirit of the Act the new legislation does give the safety representatives powers that they have not had previously. They can, for instance, insist on making quarterly inspections of their workplace or part of it, providing they give the company reasonable notice. They can also make an immediate inspection when any notifiable accident occurs.

The Safety Representatives and Safety Committee Regulations is a complicated piece of legislation and its implications are being discussed by union, works council and management representatives to ensure a smooth changeover to the new structure in October.

In view of the above it may be opportune to refresh our memories as to the implications of the 1974 Health & Safety At Work Act which came into effect on 1st April 1975.



What is the purpose of the Act?

*It makes provision to secure health, safety and welfare of all people at work and is supplemented by approved codes of practice which now have special legal status.

What does it cover?

*Protects people against risks to health or safety arising from the activities of other people at work.

*Controls the emission into the atmosphere of noxious or offensive substances from prescribed premises.



Duties of an employer

*He must provide and maintain all plant machinery etc in a safe working condition.

*He must provide safe systems of work.

*He must prepare a written statement of his general policy, organisation and arrangements for health and safety at work, keep it up to date and bring it to the notice of his employees.

*He must provide any necessary information and training in safe practices.



Duties of an employee

*He must take reasonable care to avoid injury to himself or others by his work activities.

*He must co-operate with employers and others in meeting statutory requirements.

*He must not interfere with or misuse anything provided to protect health, safety or welfare in compliance with the Act.



How is the Act enforced?

*By periodic visits by The Factory Inspectorate to check if the Act's provisions are being met.



What are the powers of an inspector?

*If any activity gives rise to risk, an inspector can issue a prohibition notice to stop the activity until remedial action has been taken or issue an improvement notice to remedy the fault within a specified time.

*A notice can be issued to an employer or employee or both.

*An inspector can also prosecute any person contravening a relevant statutory provision, instead of, or in addition to serving a notice.



Penalties for Contravention

*The maximum fine on summary conviction for most offences is £400.

*There is no limit to the fine on conviction on indictment.

*Imprisonment for up to two years can be imposed for certain offences.

*A person failing to comply with an improvement or prohibition notice is liable to prosecution and failure to comply with the prohibition notice could lead to imprisonment.

**Remember —
the time for safety
is all the time**

SOCIAL SCENE

Works Band

We were hoping to be able to give Wright Ahead readers a list of forthcoming venues of the HW Works Band but unfortunately things are a bit quiet for the band members at the moment as their conductor, Mr Cliff Midgley has recently been taken ill and has had to go into hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery. However, Jack Burton the Band Secretary of HWT Middlesbrough works, tells us that there are a few dates, in the not too distant future, that the band can look forward to. One event is playing in Eston Methodist Church on Friday 15th September and another on November 30th playing to the Old Peoples' Association in the Corporation Home, Stockton. They also will be competing in the Grading Contest of the Durham League in February and the National Championships beginning in March next year.

The band has been giving some really good concerts up to now this year. They played with the Gilbert & Sullivan Singers in a concert at the Borough Hall, Hartlepool on Saturday 1st July to a packed house and the following day, Sunday 2nd July a concert in The Spa, Whitby was also to a full house.

One engagement was especially important to two of the band members. Earlier this year, Audrey Rolland, flugal horn player was married to John Gill, cornet player. Lets hope they have many harmonious years ahead of them.

MATCH OF THE DAY

We were unable to get a report on the ladies versus men football match organised by PEL but they were able to send in the following transcript from the match commentary.

"... and this is David Coalman reporting on the final of the FA Mug here at the HW Cricket Ground where the teams are about to take the field. Yes, here they are. ... Jayne Thomas, Captain (formally of Bristol City) leads out her ladies team who today are playing in red and white stripes and white shorts ... for those of you with monochrome only, that's grey and dirty grey stripes ...

and now ...

... Peter Adams, Captain of the mens team who are playing in blue and yellow ... flowers?!* Red Dresses?! ... Black suspender belt ... 36D Cup Braaaaas !!! You never told me about this! ... I can't commentate here ... who do you think I am ... Dickie Davis??

Seriously though folks, the Charity Football (you must be joking!) Match organised by the HWPEL Social Section raised a total of £59 in sponsorship which was donated equally between the British Heart Foundation and the Ropner Convalescent Home.



The "Ladies" l-r Mandy Cooper, June Batkin, Helen Viney, Norma Brown, Vicky Wigham, Mary Mills, Karen Helm, Damaris Perry, Susan Richardson, Clare Denham, Jayne Thomas, Cath McFarthing.



The "Men" l-r Bruce Smith, Fred Shippey, Bob Ashley, Ray Clegg, John Delafield, Geoff Hatton, Peter Adams, Bob Bilham, Harry Simpson, Stewart Withers.

HW Machine Co.

The Machine Co Social Section seems to have had rather a hectic time since our last Wright Ahead with a sports and social evening; a tennis tournament won by Warren Douglas; a bowls competition on 26 July won by Keith Dobson, and a treasure hunt. This last outing on 19 July was particularly well supported by seventy people in twenty-four cars and was rounded off in the usual way at the Ship Inn at Worsall, near Yarm. Winner was Stan Woollard with forty-three points out of a possible forty-five. They have also planned a miniature golf competition for the beginning of August.

Their custard pie throwing team obviously needs to get in some serious training as they came away empty handed from this year's annual contest at Marton Cricket Club's Summer Fete and Gala, but we understand an enjoyable time was had by all.



Ready for anything in the Custard Pie line and dressed in official Head Wrightson custard pie throwing costume are l-r Arthur Davison, Viv Pictor, Stuart Hitchcock, Julie Barnett and Helen Ingram.



More courageous people l-r Sarah Ellis, Helen Ingram and Julie Barnett who completed the Machine Company squad.

Whats on at Grosvenor

We do not often report on what is happening on the social scene at Grosvenor Steel but we have heard that on 19 June 45 employees had a memorable trip to Blackpool. Apparently the weather was particularly kind to them and we presume a good time was had by all as one or two of the party had some difficulty in catching the coach for the homeward journey.

Having recovered from this event they are now looking around for a local firm with whom to arrange a social evening and indoor games competition. Plans are also already in hand for their annual dinner dance.



The "Goalie" Eva Coulson who missed the official match phtographer seems to be ready for anything except football.

Holiday Snapshot Competition

Don't forget to enter our holiday snapshot competition announced in the last issue.

We are looking for pictures which capture the holiday spirit.

We are giving three prizes. First £10, Second £5, Third £2.50.

Closing dates for entries is 15th September 1978.

SPORTS PARADE

Cricket

The Inter-departmental cricket final between Billingham Steelcast and HWPEL Thornaby was played in bad light and wet conditions. Billingham winning the toss asked HWPEL to bat. Tinnion and Haggerstone opened the bowling for Billingham. After nine overs HWPEL had made 11 for 3 wickets, Tinnion getting 2 wickets and Haggerstone 1.

The arrival of Kevin Clarke and Howard Wood pushed the score along, before Wood was bowled by Smith for 25 runs. Kevin Clarke survived a dropped catch and went on to make a good 48. With the overs ticking by, only A. Allen with 16 runs could help the score move to 102-7 in 25 overs.

The start of Billingham's innings was stopped for half an hour because of rain, then they opened with Tinnion and Haggerstone. After 4 overs and with Clarke and Hayley bowling well, Tinnion was bowled by Hayley for 2.

J. Addison came out and shoved the score to 22 before going to Roberts for 13. Next man in, Smith, played some good shots in his score of 10 before Hayley had him caught at 47-3. In came Tony Lodge and sparks began to fly with the start of a match winning innings. With overs running out and very bad light, he thrashed HWPEL bowlers all over the field with Haggerstone making sure he got the bowling. At 9.35 p.m. and darkness around, 2 byes provided the winning runs bringing the score to 103-3 in 23 overs. Lodge was then not out for 37 and Haggerstone not out for 30.

A good game was provided by both teams and enjoyed by the spectators who braved the bad weather.



HW Steelcast Billingham cricket team and reserves winners of the inter-departmental cricket competition. The team was: Keith Haggerstone (Captain), Mick Finnion, Tony Lodge, John Addison, Kevin Smith, Jim Keegan, Les Shaeffer, Peter Hunter, Dennis Skelton, Garry Wade and Glyn Sonven. Inset are Andrew Goodwill and David Orr unable to make the photo session. Seated on the right, front row is Bill Blakey who umpired in every round except the final.

Angling



An enthusiastic new sports section for fishermen was recently formed on Teesside. Called the HW Angling Association with an elected committee comprising, Chairman: John Trenholme HWT DO

Secretary: Keith Watson HWT DO
Treasurer: George Wilks Yarm
Joint Match Secretaries: Dave Elliott M'bro Works, John Wastell HWT B Yd

Committee: Cliff Booth, Fred Douglas, Peter Kent, Maurice Sawdon and Les Shadbolt.

In the first few days of this new section the number of enrolled members totalled nearly one hundred!

The committee are busy preparing rules and regulations covering the proposed workings of the Association and also preparing an initial programme of angling events. Information concerning these will be given to a further meeting of all members to be arranged for mid-August.

Golf

Rain always seems to be a feature of the directors' golf tournament for the Richard Miles trophy and this year was no exception. Over 30 competitors gathered at Dinsdale Spa Golf Club on Thursday 20 July to take part in this year's Stableford competition. In spite of the weather, those taking part again proved that it never rains on a golf course and managed to have an enjoyable day.

Patrick Lithgow, commercial

director of HW Steelcast was this year's winner with 38 points, closely followed by Mike Corner and Bill Adams of PEL and David Bailey of Grosvenor each of whom also had 38 points, but unfortunately not as good second half as Patrick.

The winner of the guests prize was John Wainwright of David Loewy who also just pipped Harry Piercy of Barclays Bank and Dr. Moody each of whom had 35 points.



Patrick Lithgow receives his prize from Bill Adams.



"Singing in the Rain" at Dinsdale Spa is Brian Evans of HW Teesdale followed by John Wainwright of Davy Loewy.

Darts



This year's inter-departmental Darts Competitions will be played on Wednesday nights in the HW Social Club at Thornaby and will commence mid-September.

In addition to the usual Team Event and Individual Competition a Pairs Competition has been added to this year's list.

Full information is now on works notice boards and entries for all the darts competitions are required to be in writing to Mr J T Cox, Stockton Steelcast before Wednesday 23 August 1978.

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