

# Wright Ahead

Head Wrightson news

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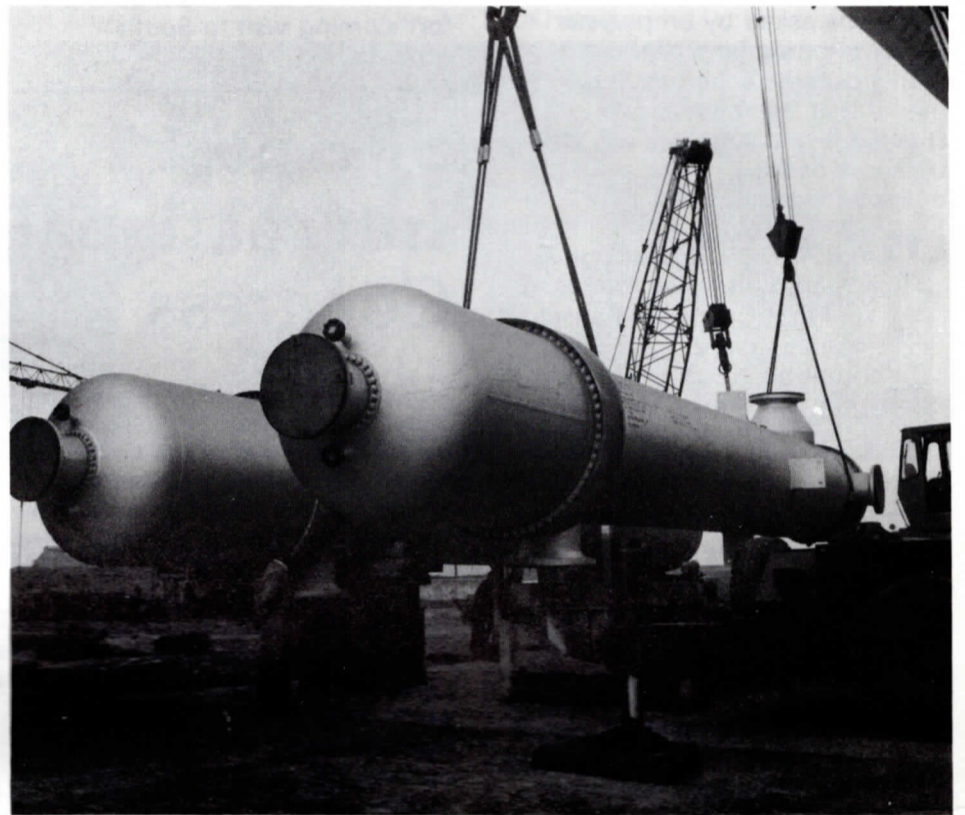
## Another £2m. for HWT order book

Head Wrightson Teesdale divisions have several major orders in hand at present. One set of contracts from Snamprogetti Limited of Basingstoke is worth over £1m and is for 40 heat exchangers for the Pembroke Cracking Company, a partnership formed between Texaco Limited and Gulf Oil (Great Britain) Limited. The second, also won by the Heat Exchanger and Pressure Vessel Division is for 18 similar shell and tube heat exchangers for a Turkish refinery. Total value here is almost £½m. A repeat order has also been won for a heat exchanger for the Algerian State company, Sonatrach.

Also active is the Mechanical Equipment Division who have won an export order for a 12' 6" dia x 85' long rotary cooler for processing urea for a fertilizer plant belonging to PT Pupuk Sriwidjaja, a company owned by the Indonesian Government and one of the largest producers of urea in the world.

The General Engineering Division reports further orders for Verson presses bringing machine orders to a total of six, all for export, and UK enquiries are being followed up.

*A delivery from the Thornaby Works of Head Wrightson Teesdale recently of two exchangers for Pemex, Mexico. ▶*



## Czech tube plant leaves works

The first shipment of the Assel Mill and Piercer which HWM are supplying for installation at the Valconvy Trub A Zelezarny works in Chomutov, N.W. Czechoslovakia, left Middlesbrough last month. This is part of the largest capital plant contract to be placed in the UK by Czechoslovakia for many years and was landed in 1977 by the joint efforts of Loewy Robertson & HWM. The overall contract of approx.

£8½m is for a complete new seamless tube plant and HWM have a £4m share in this. The Assel Mill produces small and medium diameter tubes with extremely close wall and diameter tolerances and surface finish which makes them ideal for the production of bearing cases. This first shipment left the works on time and will be followed by further major deliveries over the next three to four months. The new plant is due to start production late next year.



*Pictured in HWM's works are (l-r) Wilf Maidens, fitting shop superintendent, Bill Walton, works manager, Bob McConnell, senior mechanical engineer and Alf Milner assistant chief engineer. In the background is the Assel Mill and Piercer ready for shipment to Czechoslovakia.*

## Ironcast chase more work

While the year long contract for the supply of segments to Selby new coal mine is coming to an end HW (Ironcast) are actively chasing new orders.

The most promising prospect is a large order from the United States for large valve castings. They have already received a "pilot" order for a number of these and anticipate that this will lead to further large orders for this type of casting. The first delivery against the "pilot" order is due to be delivered for the clients approval early in November HW(I) are also currently involved in negotiations for other segment contracts.

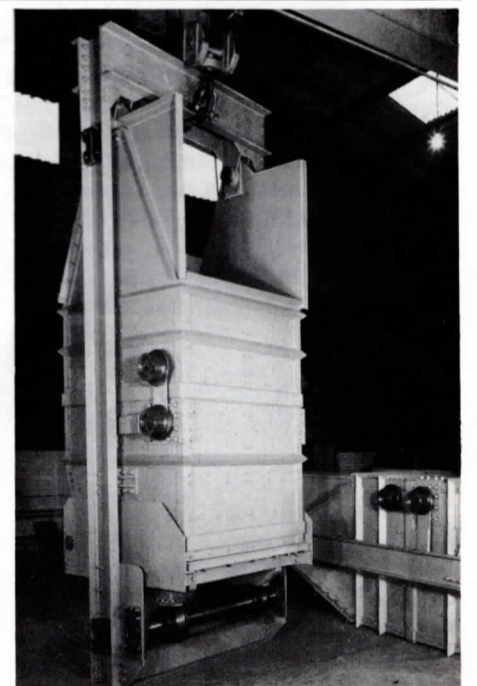
## Massey top £1m. at Fords

B & S Massey have won another large order from the Ford Motor Company, worth more than £400,000. This brings the total Ford order so far this year to more than £1 million.

Massey fought against serious European competition to win the contract for the supply of a further forging press and trimming press. Ford have obviously tested Massey's claims on machinery previously purchased by them and were convinced of Massey's know-how, quality and reputation, and confidently signed on the dotted line. Another Masseyfied customer!

## New skip plant for Iran

Two 6 tonne capacity ore skips have recently been supplied to the Bafgh Mining Company of Iran. They are part of a new skip plant designed and part supplied by Head Wrightson Process Engineering Ltd of Thornaby, Cleveland, for Bafgh Mining to expand the copper mining operations at their Kouchk Mine. The new skip plant will be installed in a sub-vertical shaft to give access to the base of the main orebody. It will raise ore and waste to an existing inclined drift through which the rock will be taken to the surface. The new skips are "Saunders" type bottom dump skips which are self discharging upon entering the tipping station. Other equipment supplied includes winding sheave wheels, skip tipping paths and the skip loading equipment with pneumatic controls. In addition HWPEL supplied Bafgh Mining with designs for ancillary equipment e.g. shaft furnishings etc. for manufacture in Iran.



*One of the 6 tonne Saunders type bottom dump skips.*

## 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.

## Puzzled about your pension??

TO THE MEMBERS OF HW WORKS PENSION SCHEME

### Questions and Answers

Since the commencement of the new Government and Company pension arrangements in April 1978 there have been a number of questions asked by employees who were members of the old works pension schemes. It is hoped that the following Questions and Answers will clear up some of the misunderstandings.

**Q1** In April 1978 I became a member of the new Head Wrightson Works Pension Scheme and up to that time I had contributed to the old Works and Q Schemes. How do I stand when I retire?

**A** Your old Works and Q benefits are fixed at 31st March 1978 and if you continue in employment with the group until your 65th birthday, the pension earned up to 31 March 1978 will be paid to you. It is hoped that you will soon be receiving a statement showing the pensions earned. Under present arrangements the major part of those pensions may be commuted (ie exchanged for cash) at the age of 65.

**Q2** If I decide to take cash from the old schemes when I reach 65, how much will I get?

**A** This amount will vary according to the annuity rates applying at that time. Under present arrangements you should receive about six times your annual pension.

**Q3** Why can't I have a refund now of the contributions I paid into the old scheme?

**A** Act of Parliament prohibits refunds of contributions unless a member leaves or dies.

**Q4** What is the position if I leave the company now? Can I withdraw all my contributions?

**A** This is now a complex subject and it depends on individual circumstances. In the majority of cases if you leave before 6.4.1980 you can withdraw a major proportion of your contributions. The refund is subject to a tax deduction of 10%.

Peter French, pensions manager (internal Yarm 147) and Lynne Hannah (179) his assistant, are available should any member wish to have a specific question answered.

## Colombians visit PEL

A party of mining engineers from Colombia in South America recently visited HWPEL at Thornaby as part of an Inward Mission organised by the Association of British Mining Equipment Companies. They were particularly interested in PEL's coal preparation plant activities and useful discussion took place which will be followed up by a PEL sales team during a forthcoming visit to South America.



Members of the inward mission from Colombia examining the model of Dinnington coal preparation plant in PEL Thornaby offices.

## SPF host International Congress

Stockton Precision Forge was the venue on Monday 11th September for a gathering of some sixty forging specialists who were attending an International Warm Forging Conference at Sunderland Polytechnic. The three day conference from 10th to 12th September was devoted to an examination of industrially relevant aspects of warm forging and it was hoped that this would lead to a wider commercial use of this forging method.

SPF was included in a programme of visits for the delegates being the only forge in the UK producing forgings by the Rotaform process. While it is difficult to assess the marketing benefits of this kind of visit, all the delegates were able to see the Rotaform machine in action which could well be of assistance in future sales efforts by Massey.



Delegates from the International Warm Working Conference watching the Massey Rotaform machine in operation at SPF.

## Davy to exhibit in Mexico

Britain's biggest export promotion exercise of 1978 takes place in Mexico from the 8th to 17th November when some of our largest companies will exhibit at the Palacio de los Deportes, Mexico City.

Davy Corporation Limited has the centre stand in the arena with a display proving the worldwide engineering, construction and manufacturing capabilities of the group. Specific references are made to the technologies and

products available to Mexico to fulfill industrial development needs.

Staff from seven Davy companies will be on the stand, including Brian Evans and Reg Furphy from Head Wrightson Teesdale and Stewart Withers and Bryan Johnston from Head Wrightson Process Engineering.

## Davy Coal People in China

Earlier this year Gordon Wade of HWPEL attended a Coal Symposium in Peking at which Davy companies had been invited by the Chinese Coal Society to present selected papers on coal technology and products derived from coal. Gordon who presented a paper on coal preparation was impressed by the interest shown by the Chinese and along with the rest of the Davy party was overwhelmed by their hospitality during their 18 day stay.



The Davy party pictured outside the Summer Palace in Peking. They are: back row (l-r) Mike Petman (DPG London), Dr Boegner (DPG Cologne), Gordon Wade (HWPEL), Al Giovanetti (DPG Lakeland); front row (l-r) Gahzi Muddarris (DPG Cologne), Mr Fang, Mr Wang and Mr Chen.

## Stockton Foundry to close

Regretfully by the end of the year we will see the closure of Steelcast's Stockton steel foundry, purchased in 1927. The decision to close after 51 years trading was taken owing to the depressed state of the steel founding industry. The foundry had been operating at below break-even point for some time and there was no foreseeable improvement in trading conditions.

The current order book at Stockton will be transferred to the Thornaby foundry and a continuity of supply to existing customers maintained. As many employees as practicable will also be transferred to Thornaby.

The closure has made about 80 employees redundant and it is hoped that the necessary reduction will be achieved by voluntary means within the reformed division.

## Don probes USA market

Don Thomas, HWPEL Thornaby's Group Manager for coal preparation, mining and ferrous mineral dressing plant is currently in the USA on a three month sales promotion and fact finding tour which he hopes will result in a number of firm enquiries. With the increasing demand for energy and the abundance of coal in the USA there are plans for an enormous expansion in coal output and Don feels confident that there is plenty of scope for PEL, who have had in excess of 50 years experience in the mining industry.

Since he joined Head Wrightson as a draughtsman in 1947, Don has been involved with design work on coal preparation and blending plants for the National Coal Board in the UK and for overseas clients. Based at the offices of Davy Powergas Inc. in Lakeland, Florida, Don plans to cover a lot of ground during his visit and hopes to return home with a pocketful of enquiries.



Don Thomas.

## Appointments

### HW Teesdale

J N G Mallinson has been appointed Managing Director of Head Wrightson Teesdale. Mr Mallinson joins Teesdale from Davy Loewy Ltd, Sheffield where he was Deputy Managing Director and General Manager.

Cliff Edemendson Operations Manager — Site Construction in the Nuclear Division.

### B & S Massey

R G Humphries has been appointed Managing Director of B & S Massey with effect from 30th October. Mr Humphries joins Massey from Birder Hamlyn Fry & Co a leading firm of management consultants where he has been a director since 1971.

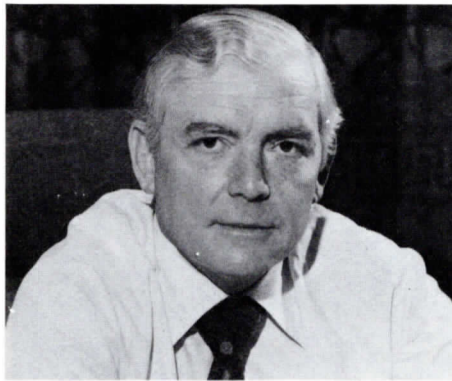
Brian Foster Publicity Manager. K Hodgkinson is now responsible for personnel, training and safety functions.

### HW Stampings

Ian Ford has been appointed Managing Director of HW Stampings with effect from 6 November 1978. Mr Ford was previously Managing Director of B & S Massey.

### HW (Steelcast) Ltd

Brian Palmer Dressing Yard Manager Billingham.



Neville Mallinson



R G Humphries



Ian Ford

## Cornish Rhapsody



Music while you work for Shirley Clarke (left) and Pauline Clayton of HWT when the visiting English Clays Choir gave them a song in the office.

On Tuesday 19 September employees on the Thornaby site were able to relax during their lunch break and listen to a concert given by over 50 members of the Engineers Choir of English Clays Loving Pochin & Co. The Choir was on an educational visit to the works of HWT at Thornaby and combined this with a concert of traditional songs in the works canteen.

English Clays of St. Austell, Cornwall who are involved in the production of china clay and associated minerals are long established customers of HWT who have supplied them with rotary equipment for many years. This was the first time that the choir, who won the China Clays Choirs Section of the St. Austell Music Festival this year, had made the 880 miles round trip to the North East of England.

## Union service recognised

Jackie Hunter, recently appointed Personnel Officer at HW Teesdale, has for the past 33 years been Engineering Union Convenor in the HWT Machine Shop at Thornaby. During his office, Jackie always managed to "keep the peace" between men and management, consequently there has never been a strike in the Machine Shop.

Jackie's workmates showed their appreciation at a small presentation held earlier this month on Jackie's birthday when they presented him with a car tool box, a bottle of wine and a bottle of Champagne to celebrate with! The Union has also appreciated Jackie's efforts over the years and Branch Secretary Mr Bob Kennan, representing the Union's President Mr Hugh Scanlon, presented Jackie with the Union's badge of merit "in recognition of long and loyal service".

## Massey Apprentice Awards

Eighteen apprentices were successful this year under the Massey Apprentice Award Scheme and received their awards at a presentation evening on 11 October from Massey's commercial general manager & director, Alan Howard.

Awards were received by:-

### Fabrication Shop

William Seville  
Paul Fox  
Gary Krzysik  
Barry Malone  
Paul Sutcliffe  
Colin Storry

Christopher Flanagan

Michael Harrop

Philip M Ward

### Machine Shop

Vinod Mistry

Paul Seville

Michael Ham

Keith Barlow

Terence Horan

### Drawing Office

Bhik Patel

Sach Mistry

### Electrical

Nigel Ashall

### Tool Room

Paul Harrison



The Massey Award winners with Alan Howard, Alvin Newall and Ken Hodgkinson.

## Modules Validated

The following trainees have been successful in reaching the required standards in their training.

### HW TEESDALE THORNABY

A Godfrey, H25 Fitting Part 2

S. O'Hara, H25 Fitting Part 2

C Booth, H3 Fitting Part 1

P Connor, J2 Electrical Maint. Part 1

### HW TEESDALE MIDDLESBROUGH

P Dickinson, H25 Fitting Part 2

N A Murnane, H2 Turning Part1

### HW STAMPINGS

M Dunn, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

C W Wallace, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

K Hill, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

T N Taylor, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

P S Butcher, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking and H22 Diesinking

I Sirs, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking and H22 Diesinking

I Darbey, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

M Healey, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

D Price, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

G A Oliver, H22 Diesinking

S Spence, H22 Diesinking

A Davison, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

A Baker, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

I G Breeze, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

P R Filby, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

R Gibson, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

S Thomas, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

A C Lee,

H1 Machining for Toolmaking

P M Hicks, H1 Machining for

Toolmaking

Trainees who will now qualify to

receive the EITB Certificate of

Craftsmanship are: Oliver, Sirs,

Butcher, Spence, Godfrey, O'Hara

and Dickinson.



Jackie Hunter and workmates after his presentation in the HWT Machine Shop.

## DEATHS

### April

H K Tate Retired

### July

G Garbutt, Steelcast Thornaby

A L Clemmett Retired

W Richardson Retired

A Whitehead Retired

### August

W E Watson Retired

S A Hillman Retired

### September

R Laws Retired

R Crawford Retired

### October

B Coates, Steelcast Billingham

R Tinkler, HWPEL, Thornaby.

**RETIREMENTS**

**45 years**

H Smith, B & S Massey

**41 years**

T K Hebron, Steelcast Billingham.

**40 years**

K Mason, B & S Massey

**32 years**

R A Watson, B & S Massey

**28 years**

C Roy, Stampings

**22 years**

W Allen, B & S Massey

**45 years**

Paddy Walsh a moulder at HW (Steelcast) Thornaby retired at the end of August and received a food mixer and blender from his workmates at a social evening held in Thornaby Cricket Club. Paddy has always been interested in music and is a past member of St. Cuthbert's Operatic Society. He is currently a member of St Patrick's Church Choir.

**44 years**

Bill Blakey, a cost accountant with HW (Steelcast) Billingham started work at Stockton Forge, being transferred to Steelcast Thornaby when the Forge offices closed down in 1969.

He moved to Billingham seven years ago. Bill, a keen cricketer played for Saltburn for many years and was always a willing umpire in the inter-departmental cricket competitions. He was presented with a radio cassette recorder by Mr P Lithgow, HW(S) financial director, and the same evening was able to say goodbye to his friends in HW at a social evening they had arranged in the HW Social Club.



Bill Blakey with Patrick Lithgow and colleagues from HW(S) Billingham.

**39 years**

Jack Farrington for the last 38 years was crane driver at HW (Steelcast) Billingham having started there in 1939 for Davy United as one of the "Blackout Gang" who tried, we're told with little success, to make the works light-proof!

Jack, born in Harrogate, started work as a butler/handyman at a college in Scarborough and played football for Scarborough Amateurs. He received a radio from Bob Walker, foundry manager, on behalf of the company and he will be able to spend more time now on his hobby of keeping tropical fish (but we understand that his wife has a number of jobs lined up for him).



Bill Allan and some of his workmates after his retirement presentation when he received a portable TV set.



Ian Ford, managing director of B&S Massey makes the retirement presentation to Harry Smith company consultant/safety officer after 45 years service. Harry was chairman and an active member of Massey's social club for a number of years from whom he also received an engraved tankard.

**32 years**

Ken Raine, operations manager at HW Machine Co retired in September this year at the age of 66 years. Ken joined Head Wrightson from the Army in 1946 as a charge hand in the Milling Section, after 12 years in the Royal Corps of Signals. He worked his way up, through the Ratefixing Department and in 1974 he was appointed works manager, becoming operations manager in 1977. Mr Albert Snaith, director presented Ken with a car radio and a decanter and glasses set. His wife received a bouquet of flowers.

**30 years**

J Nofer, project engineer with HWM, retired in October after 30 years with the company. Polish by birth George came to this country during the war and started with HWM in 1948 in the drawing office (where his son now works).

On his retirement George was presented with a whole host of gifts from colleagues which included a workbench, a bottle of whisky, binoculars and a compass and set of maps.

Jack Farrington (right) receives a radio from Bob Walker, foundry manager HW(S).



Mr and Mrs Ken Raine pictured with Albert Snaith.

**23 years**

Bob Campbell a grinder at HW Teesdale was presented with a wallet and cigarette lighter from his workmates in the heavy plate shop by shop foreman Harold Probst. Bob will now be spending more of his time in his garden.

**17 years**

Frank Robinson, production controller at HW (Steelcast) Billingham, a keen cricket enthusiast is thinking about taking up golf to keep himself fit and any other spare time will be spent in his garden. He was presented with a portable TV set from his workmates at a social evening which he shared with Paddy Walsh in Thornaby Cricket Club.

Mr Ken Roland, a technical clerk in HWPEL's Procurement Dept for the last 2½ years retired in August after a total of 17 years with HW. Ken joined the Machine Co in 1961 and after 12 years transferred to HWT working as a materials expeditor for 2½ years. At his retirement presentation procurement director, Peter Rooksby presented Ken with a car radio and a large camping thermos flask. Ken is a keen camper and caravaner and he hopes that retirement will give him the opportunity to travel around Britain visiting as many places as possible. Ken will also have more time for his duties as Church Warden at Stokesley Parish Church.

**29 years**

Bert Smith, a dresser at HW (Steelcast) Billingham retired on 12 October after 29 years service with HW(S). Bert has spent all his working life in the foundry industry having worked previously for Crosthwaites, Kinnels and Teesside Bridge, during which time he has seen many improvements in working conditions.

He received a radio cassette recorder from Bill Wilson, works manager, on behalf of the company, having previously been presented with a wallet of notes from his workmates by Ron Marron.

Bert Smith receives a wallet of notes from Ron Marron, on behalf of his workmates.



Bob Campbell with his workmates in the heavy plate shop.



Ken Roland being presented with his radio by Peter Rooksby.

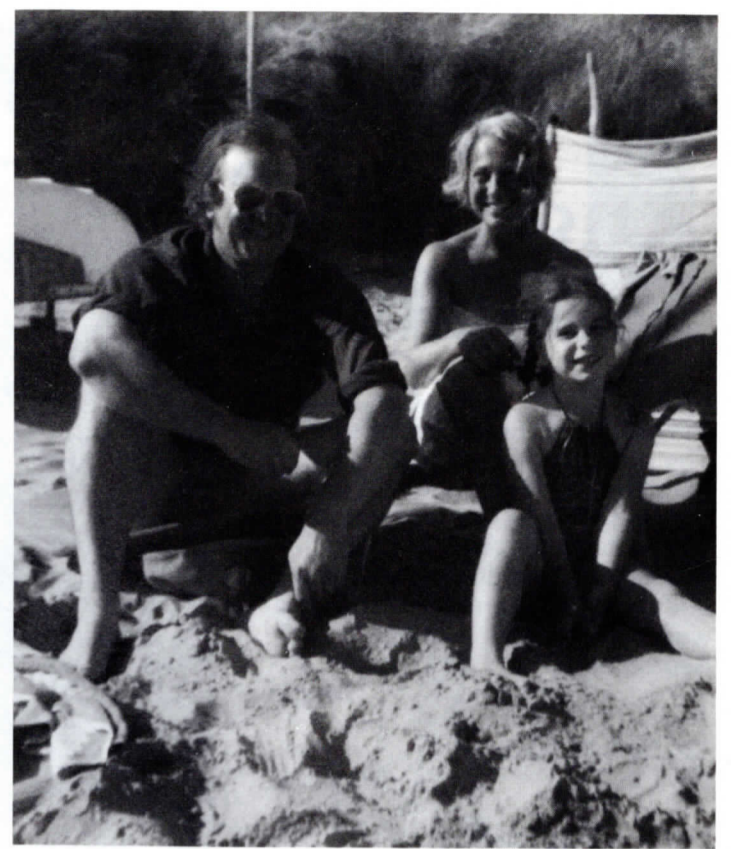
## Holiday snapshot competition

The number of entries received for out holiday snapshot competition hardly strained the resources of our internal mail system — 33 in all, but nevertheless we had a number of very interesting subjects which made it worthwhile.

We enlisted the help of Alan Simpson of Trojan Photographic Ltd to choose the winners and in making our final choice had to discard some very professionally done prints, also a number which were presumably taken on holiday but which, we felt, did not capture the holiday spirit. After a great deal of deliberation and discussion we agreed on the following winners, all coincidentally from PEL Thornaby.

- 1st J. McCormick Central File HWPEL (T)  
 2nd R.P. Hughes Projects HWPEL (T)  
 3rd Max Clarke Sales HWPEL (T)

1st ▼



2nd

3rd

## New line for Eileen

First telex operator to be employed by Head Wrightson leaves at the end of October to take up full time shorthand and typing teaching at Stockton & Billingham Technical College. Eileen Turner, telex operator at HWPEL leaves after 23 years service (she says she's leaving now so that she doesn't have to collect her long service award!). Eileen was the first telex operator at HW, starting with HW & Co before the company moved to Yarm. She stayed at Thornaby at HW Teesdale and moved to HWPEL when they bought their first telex machine. Now HWPEL have three machines and there are telex machines in each of the HW companies. About 4 years ago, Eileen passed her teacher's certificate in shorthand and typewriting and has been teaching part-time (in the evenings) at the Stockton & Billingham Tech. She's now been offered a full time job there.

Incidentally, Eileen has also recently passed her Private Secretary's Certificate but unlike most of the other girls she was not able to do it in the firm's time and studied at home in the evenings.

Before the days of the telex machine Eileen remembers the old teleprinter link with London Office and was in fact originally employed to work that machine before the arrival of Head Wrightson's first telex. Our best wishes go to Eileen in her new career.



Eileen Turner

### WEDDING BELLS

Jackie Clemmet, secretary to P E Rooksby at HWPEL Thornaby and Andy Bliss, draughtsman at HW Teesdale were married on 29 July at Yarm Methodist Church.

Miss Wendie Leonard, print room operator at HWT was married to Mr Malcolm Mason on 12th August at St Cuthbert's Church, Marton, Middlesbrough.



Jackie and Andy Bliss



Wendie and Malcolm Mason

formerly secretary in the HWPEL Sales Department, both did extremely well in obtaining the Private Secretary's Diploma the highest qualification you can achieve in secretarial studies. This course covers subjects ranging from secretarial duties and shorthand/typing to interviews and management appreciation. Sadly, Diane left the Sales Department recently to join her boyfriend in Guildford where he is attending University. Another PEL secretary, Jackie Bliss who works for Peter Rooksby, procurement director was successful in obtaining her Private Secretary's Certificate, a one year course for secretaries covering subjects such as communications, office routine and audio/typing.

## SOCIAL SCENE

Having completed their programme of summer events HWM social committee are now looking forward to their annual dinner dance on 3rd November in the Golden Eagle at Thornaby and arrangements are well under way. Since our last report the mini golf competition has been held and although this was hardly the highlight of the local golfing calendar it proved to be a very enjoyable evening. Norman King of the D.O. was the winner. It must have been those private lessons he's been having!

Their most recent venture which could well have been a compromise to please both lovers of indoor and outdoor events was an eight pint — eight mile walk on Saturday 7th October. About a dozen people set out, all of whom managed to complete the course over eight miles of North Yorkshire's moors, in spite of fog and the lure of some warm enticing hostelries. The walkers set

out from the Mallyan Spout Hotel at Goathland and made their way across the wild countryside until they arrived at the Horse Shoe Hotel at Egton via some very strategically placed halts; The Goathland Hotel, The Birch Hall Hotel, The Station Hotel, The Horse Shoe Inn, The Weatsheaf, The Post Gate Hotel...

## Top Secretarial Awards

Three clever HW girls came through their college courses at Stockton & Billingham Technical College with flying colours this year.

Jackie Burridge, secretary to Bob Wright, general manager of Mechanical Equipment Division, HW Teesdale and Diane Crum,

# SPORTS PARADE

## Angling



HWAA is now firmly underway. The river section has held three matches with some more in the pipeline. The results for the last two matches were as follows: The Eryholme match held over a stretch of Sir John Wrightson's water on the Tees on 16th September:

	Weight
1st John Trenholm HWT D.O.	8lbs 8ozs
2nd Frank Addison HWT Mach Shop	7lbs 15ozs
3rd Dick Bell Middlesbrough Works	6lbs 0ozs
4th Keith Watson HWT D.O.	5lbs 5ozs

In spite of reports to the contrary, the winner weighed in four chub and one eel and not two chub, a dead cat and six fish fingers! It had been planned to have two matches at Eryholme for the Sir John Wrightson Shield but unfortunately it has only been possible to arrange one event and the trophy will go to the winner of that match.

The match held on the River Swale at Skipton was won by Tim Evans, one of the junior members with 4lbs 4oz. Three members tied for second place including Dick Bell (M'bro Works) who has now been in the top three for all the matches.

The sea section held their first outing on 30th September at Hartlepool in near gale conditions with resultant disappointing returns. If this continues Findus and Birds-Eye can relax.

Doug Tallet has been one of our most regular contributors over the years and it seems appropriate to print his most recent contribution alongside the report from our angling section.

### FISHING

*White plumed horses roll along the coast today*

*The sea is rough, there's codling in the bay*

*A bitter wind, blue sky and brilliant sun*

*A quiet deserted beach, no children run*

*Only the white plumed horses, for winter has begun.*



At the start of what they hope will turn out to be a good day's fishing the HW Angling Association arrive at Eryholme to compete for the Sir John Wrightson Shield.

*A solitary form appears  
With spade and bucket, muffled to the ears  
Undeterred is he by thundering waves, the spray, the foam  
From inland town he's come,  
perhaps to fish alone!*

*The bucket's full of ragworm bait  
And off he goes, with striding gait  
Giving the sea a backward look  
Now he prepares rod, line and hook.*

*In four hours time the tide is right  
Away he goes into the night  
Warmly clad in fishing gear  
To stand and freeze on Saltburn Pier  
With pals with whom he went to school.*

*Non-fishers think that he's a fool  
To stand and freeze in such a way  
In darkness, wind and flying spray  
To catch the codling in the bay.*

*Tomorrow, home. There's fish to take  
Perhaps to fry, perhaps to bake  
He's had his sport - an outdoor day  
Fishing for codling in the bay.*

*Saltburn Pier is whole again  
Now anglers fish in sun - and rain  
Happy faces by the score  
And fishing gear there galore!  
Admission charge? Well it's now free!*

*On this new structure by the sea  
With "fishy" hands and freezing feet;  
Once again will old friends meet  
"Fishy business talk" today  
About the one that got away!*

D R Tallet

## Cricket

Head Wrightson cricket teams completed a fairly successful season on September 16th. The first eleven finished fifth in the 1st Division of the Cleveland and Teesside Cricket League and the second eleven finished in third position in the 3rd Division, missing promotion by only one point. The first eleven reached the semi-final of the Cleveland Cup but were beaten by Wolviston.

One feature of the season was the 100 not-out scored by first eleven captain Geoff Bell against CM Yuills. This was the first century scored by a Head Wrightson player in the 1st Division of the league.

The Derek Fryer Man of the Match Awards were won by John Dobson for the first eleven and A Taylor for the second eleven. Top of the first eleven batting averages was Geoff Bell (370 runs Av. 23.1) and top of the first eleven bowling was John Towell (24 wkts Av 10.1). Top of the second eleven batting was Maurice Pratt (244 runs) and top of the second eleven bowling was Derek Hendry (29 wkts). The annual meeting will be held in HW's Club in February 1979 (watch notice boards for exact date). New members will be most welcome.

## Bowls

The 1978 Inter-Departmental Bowls Championship was decided this year on Thursday 24 August at Teesdale Park when Teesdale Fitting Shop were narrowly defeated by the Bridge Yard.

The teams were:

**Bridge Yard:** J Hall, O Rossi, A Veron, E Cooker, R Humble, A Turley, W Merryweather, A Waton, J Bell, D Littlewood, A Littlewood and H Probst (Reserve).

**Fitting Shop:** K Dawson, T Wilson, T Maggson, G Robson, G Randall, C Thompson, D Johnson, R Graham, J Beevers, D Proctor, A Rigg, R Coleman and R Barron (Reserve).

Bridge Yard with several league players in their team obviously started favourites but they didn't have things all their own way and were given a very hard game by the Fitting Shop lads. In fact, so tight was the match the result was not decided until the very last wood was bowled with Bridge Yard eventually winning by the narrow margin of 38 shots to 36. The trophies were presented after the match along with those for the single rink competition which had been decided earlier in the year. This was won by the Stampings 'A' team of J McGowan, D Brown, A Compton, D Allen and R Jeffries. The runners-up being HWPEL 'A' team namely, I Mellentin, W Ripley, D Walker, S G Waites and D Roberts.

## Christmas Competitions

The next Wright Ahead will be our Christmas issue and we hope to run more Christmas competitions for you to enter and perhaps win yourself one of the fabulous prizes! There will be the popular childrens' colouring competition and also the adult quiz.

The picture for the colouring competition will be taken from the film which the Employees' Council are arranging for the Childrens' Treat this year. This will probably be Walt Disney's Bambi.

The quiz for adults 'Super Brain of HW 1978' will be slightly easier than last time!

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