

WRIGHT AHEAD

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Vice-Chairmans Letter

I am often asked how long the Firm has been in existence and I find it not altogether an easy question to answer, because we are at the present moment engaged on finding out which exactly is our Centenary year.

Head, Wrightson & Company Limited was formed into a Public Liability Company in 1890 and, therefore, as a Public Company we are 61 years old, much older than the majority of our friends in the engineering industry — in fact in the United States of America a company which has passed the quarter century is regarded as an old established concern.

The public company, however, registered in 1890 succeeded the partnership between my grandfather, Sir Thomas Wrightson, and Mr. Charles Arthur Head, which had been in existence for 25 years. This had succeeded the partnership of Head and Ashby, which was a firm operating an Iron Foundry in "South Stockton" from which small beginnings our present engineering organisation can be traced.

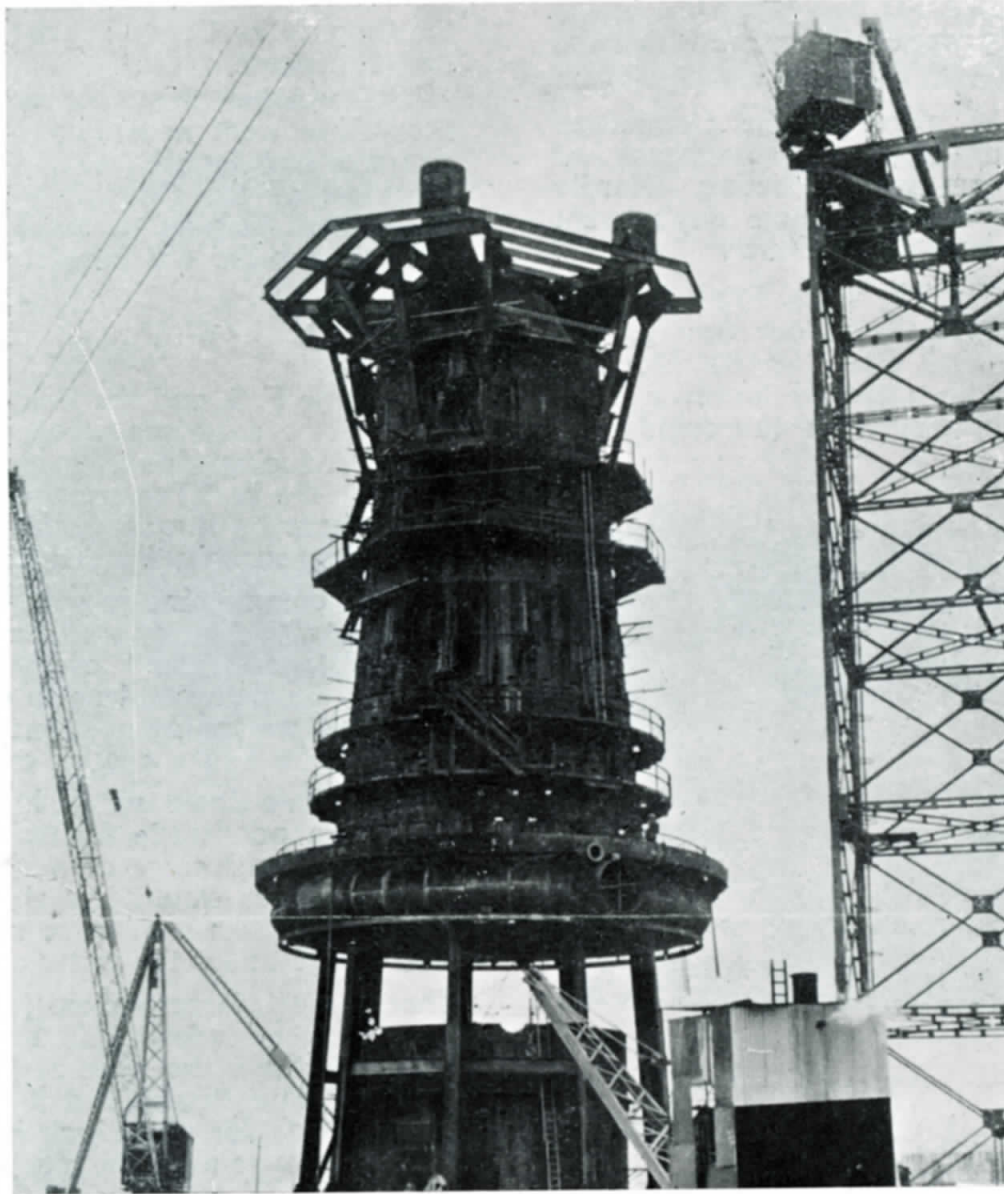
Many of you may have passed under a cast iron railway bridge at Normanby, Yorkshire, with the name of Head Ashby & Company prominently displayed. There is also a similar span at Castleton, Yorks; both of these bridges must be almost a hundred years old.

After my grandfather joined the Firm he has noted in his diary that in 1863 his principal job was "the Clay Lane Iron Company's Furnace" and it is interesting to note that to-day one of our principal products is still the

construction of Blast Furnace Plant. But the very diversity of our products has always been a tradition of the Company — at one time we built small locomotives with vertical boilers — one of which is still operating in County Durham to-day.

It was from the Iron Foundry that the Firm developed, first from small castings to cast iron columns and girders, then into more ambitious bridge-building projects using cast iron, until in the 1870's the substitution of cast iron by wrought iron made us develop the Bridgeyard and Construction shops. Thence it was a normal step to develop into mechanical engineering with the addition of forges, machine shops, and, later, steel foundries.

Throughout our history we have a tradition of steady growth backed by solid performance. We have always been prepared to accept new ideas and new methods. Let us hope that when our Centenary Year comes we can look forward to another hundred years of service to the Country and the heavy industries that we serve both at home and overseas.



FURNACE STACK IN COURSE OF ERECTION, JULY 1951, AT JOHN SUMMERS LTD. DESIGNED BY OUR MCKEE DIVISION AND CONSTRUCTED BY OUR ENGINEERING DIVISION. THIS FURNACE WILL BE 220 FT. HIGH.

John Wrightson

SIXTH ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING

Once again Teesdale Park proved to be in ideal condition for our Annual Athletic meeting and much credit is due to our groundsman and the members of the Committee for their work in its preparation.

The number and quality of entries was up to standard and some very good racing was witnessed.

A feature of this year's events was the 400 yds. Hurdles (Open Handicap). This was an innovation on Tees-side and three of Britain's finest hurdlers took part, H. Whittle, Olympic Team representative, and Captain of the Empire Games, R. Unsworth, Cambridge University and Ivor Smith, County Champion. This was won by Whittle in a time 1.5 seconds short of the native record.

Unfortunately we again had a very poor entry for our confined events but those who did run certainly gave of their best and were well encouraged by their friends in the crowd. H.W. Machine Co. secured the largest number of points and received the Managers' Challenge Trophy from Mr. J. Waller.

Another extra event was the Inter-School Relay Race and a new Trophy Shield was provided which was won by the Hugh Bell School, Middlesbrough. In the unavoidable absence of our parent directors, His Worship, the Mayor and the Mayoress of Thornaby, Mr. & Mrs. H. Drinkel, presented the many wonderful prizes which the Committee had selected.

Enough praise cannot be given to the Committee which was responsible for the really hardwork of organising such a perfectly run Sports Meeting. Hardly any fault could be found with the whole day's event and we were blessed with beautiful weather.

The Committee would certainly have liked to have seen a larger attendance, especially of our own people, for whose benefit our Annual Open Sports Meetings are primarily run. Those who attended however, were most enthusiastic in their praise of a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. J. Waller presents the Manager's Trophy to H. W. Machine Co.



Mr. T. H. Hall,
Mr. R. Collins
and Mr. G.
Gowthorpe.

PERSONALITIES AT THE SPORTS



By courtesy of N. Despatch

OLD AGE PENSIONERS' OUTING

On Saturday, 30th June, the Head Wrightson Pensioners' outing was held. This outing, which is given by the Employees' Council each year, was to Knaresborough and Harrogate.

The weather this year was exceptionally good and everything went according to plan. A very enjoyable day was had by all. We had the assistance of several members of the Council who did an extremely good day's work helping to make the outing as pleasant as possible for the old people.

AQUA — BOWLO

The Forge F. S. and the Forge D. O.,
we must congratulate
For introducing a novel game
the best I've seen to date,
To be believed it must be seen
As its played on a flooded Bowling Green.
No one complaining in spite of it raining
with four or six to a rink,
And Water ! Water ! everywhere
but never a drop to drink,
The dress was goloshes a hat and mack
Though one had a cycling cape over his back.
The first one down was trying to drown
a poor little fellow called JACK
If he didn't submerge or went over the verge,
Then a player would just chase him back,
Jack would then wait to be thrown up again,
And dodge under the water out of the rain.
Then a much larger sphere (which I have an idea
was made of Lignum Vitae)
Was rolled into the mere and then disappear
It would have floated had it been a bit lighter
In its search for poor Jack it rotated
but seldom the position located.
When the light began fading the
players were wading,
And rubbing their rheumatic joints
Each dodging the pleasure
of using the measure,
To gain the advantage of points
To avoid any confusion let me say in conclusion
The whole thing was DEPART. MENTAL
They should all have been housed in a really big home
Where they wouldn't be charged any rental.
If the Finance Committee have cash in the kitty
Perhaps they may do something just out of pity.

JAYNESS.

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to :—

Stockton Forge.

Mr. Harry Linton (Stockton Forge), to Miss Constance Bennett.

Middlesbrough Machine Co.

Miss P. Pickering to Mr. Geo. Fenna (both M'bro D.O.)

Bridge Yard.

Mr. F. Thompson to Miss M. Gash.

MARRIAGES

Best Wishes to :—

Bridge Yard, Teesdale.

Mr. G. Naisbitt to Miss J. Thomas.
Mr. J. Henry to Miss J. Raine.
Mr. J. Thew to Miss M. Robinson.

Stockton Forge.

Mr. Tom Rees (Stockton Forge), to Miss Edith S. Jameson, of Crook, at Crook Methodist Church.

Seaton Carew.

Mr. R. Terrans to Miss Maud Ogden, 24/2/51.
Mr. C. Atkinson to Miss Mavis Wilkinson, 17/3/51.
Mr. T. Gibson to Miss Ena Dent, 21/3/51.

Middlesbrough Machine Co.

Mr. Earl Lilley (M'bro D.O.), to Miss Mary Mather.
Mr. Ronnie Clay (M'bro drillers), to Miss G. Davies.



MR. G. NAISBITT AND MISS J. THOMAS.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to :—

Middlesbrough Machine Co.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Wareing (Machine Shop), a daughter.
Mr. & Mrs. "Nobby" W. Edwards, a daughter.
Thornaby Councillor, Eric Shepherd, (M'bro Estimators), a son.

Note. Eric is the Machine Co.'s first municipal representative.

Stockton Forge.

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Lavelle (Forge Fitting Shop), a daughter.
Mr. & Mrs. T. McGowan, (Forge Bridge Yard).

Steel Foundry, Teesdale.

Mr. & Mrs. R. McKay, a son.
Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Elliott, (Pattern Shop, Teesdale), a son.

Seaton Carew.

Mr. & Mrs. G. Cooper, a son.

DEATHS

Condolences to :—

Steel Foundry, Teesdale.

The widow and family of Mr. W. Shipley (Steel Foundry).

The widow of Mr. Geo. Carter (Steel Foundry).

The widow and family of Mr. Jack Harper.

The relatives of Mrs. Mabel Weston.

Seaton Carew.

The dependents of Mr. Percy Middleton.

The dependents of Mr. Jim Finlay.

WOUNDED IN KOREA

Private T. Elliott, R.A.M.C. of Teesdale Steel Foundry is now recovering from the very serious wounds he received in Korea.



MR. J. THEW AND MISS M. ROBINSON.



MR. G HENRY AND MISS J. RAINE.



CONTESTANTS AND SUPPORTERS AT THE CRICKET MATCH WITH HEAD WRIGHTSON PROCESSES AT DULWICH COLLEGE GROUND, LONDON.

H.W. PROCESSES LTD. CRICKET MATCH

It will be remembered that two years ago our Colleagues at Head Wrightson Processes sent a team to Teesdale Park where they succeeded in defeating our League Cricket team.

As we are now no longer members of the cricket league, a representative team went from the North on Saturday, 2nd June, to play a return match and on this occasion reversed the decision.

Everybody enjoyed the game and the hospitality provided by H.W. Processes for the team and its supporters was very much appreciated. There is no doubt that the Social Committee had gone to a great deal of trouble to ensure the success of our visit.

Dr. Fisher and representatives of his staff arranged a tour of the offices and the northerners formed an appreciation of the work done in London and besides the very enjoyable game, we were able to cement the friendly relationship existing between the various branches.

HOLIDAY SNAPSHOT COMPETITION

1. **First Prize** — — 3 guineas
Second Prize — — 2 guineas
Third Prize — — 1 guinea
2. Competitors may submit 3 snapshots of any size on any subject taken bona fide by themselves.
3. This snapshot, together with a title, should be in the hands of Mrs. Lonsdale, of the Personnel Department by Thursday, 27th September, 1951.
4. The opinion of the Magazine Committee, which has power to co-opt judges will be final.
5. Name and Board No. or Department should be on the back of each snapshot submitted for the competition.
6. All photographs will be returned to competition entrants after the competition is over.

APPRENTICE SCHOOL

There have been many successes during the past year's continuation classes. We tender our congratulations to all who are making progress in their studies and in particular, we mention Colin Percival of Teesdale Steel Foundry, who has succeeded in obtaining his diploma in Foundry Technology. Colin is now doing his period of National Service and we look forward to the time when he will be back amongst us.

OFFICE DICTIONARY !.

- A PROGRAMME** — Any assignment that can't be completed by one telephone call.
- TO EXPEDITE** — To confound confusion with commotion.
- CHANNELS** — The trail left by inter office memos.
- CO-ORDINATOR** — The man who has a desk between two expeditors.
- CONSULTANT (or expert)** — Any ordinary chap more than 50 miles from home.
- TO ACTIVATE** — To make carbons and add more names to the memo.
- TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAMME** — Hire more people and expand the office.
- UNDER CONSIDERATION** — Never heard of it.
- UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION** — We're looking in the files for it.
- A CONFERENCE** — A place where conversation is substituted for the dreariness of labour and the loneliness of thought.
- RE-ORIENTATION** — Getting used to working again.
- RELIABLE SOURCE** — The man you just met.
- INFORMED SOURCE** — The man who told the man you just met.
- UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCE** — The man who started the rumour originally.
- A CLARIFICATION** — To fill in the background with so many details that the foreground goes underground.
- WE ARE MAKING A SURVEY** — We need more time to think of an answer.
- NOTE AND INITIAL** — Let's spread the responsibility for this.
- SEE ME, OR LET'S DISCUSS** — Come down to my office. I'm lonesome.
- GIVE ME YOUR OPINION** — I'll listen to what you have to say as long as it doesn't interfere with what we've already decided to do.
- WILL ADVISE YOU IN DUE COURSE** — If we figure it out we'll let you know.
- TO GIVE SOMEONE THE PICTURE** — A long, confused and inaccurate statement to a newcomer.

DIVISIONAL NEWS

ENGINEERING DIVISION

We congratulate Mr. R. H. Sturges on being runner up in the Structural Steelworks Society (N.E. Coast Group) Golf Competition. He won a very nice tankard.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the late Jack Coleman and Bob Fullerton. Both had been in poor health for a long while and worked as long as they possibly could. Jack was a driller in the Tool Room for the best part of the 37 years he spent with the Company. Bob was with us 16 years and was a grinder in the Tool Room.

Our sympathy to Mr. Parsons on the death of his mother.

A very familiar figure was missing from the sports that of Jack Martin. To the many enquirers, he is in the best of health and still getting his spanner fire a deep cherry red.

We offer our congratulations to Alec Brown on his appointment to the supplementary list of Football League Referees. Alec makes history by belonging to a select band, i.e. ex-professional footballers who have officiated in first-class football.

Welcome back to Tommy Jackson after his accident. Tommy could'nt get back soon enough. That's the spirit—72 years old, too.

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Bridge Yard.

Mr. John (Pedlar) Palmer of the Welding Department was very successful in the "John Bull" Reliability Trial for cars and motorcycles organised by the Stockton & District Motor Club of which Mr. Palmer is a member. He won the premier award.

H. W. STAMPINGS LTD.

"SWABI"

(to the tune of Dixie.)

Is it true what they say about Ronnie?
 Were his slacks cut like that all the time?
 With his knee length swinging jacket and his suede and rubber shoes,
 When the fags are off the ration, is he first in the queue?
 Is it true what they say about Swabi?
 With an adding machine he's sublime,
 Did they see him passing by? did he live or did he die?
 If he did then we've all been wrong.

U. N. O.

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Any resemblance in the above to any person living or dead is purely co-incidental.

WOMEN

by Ray Wade

The modern woman likes to be weighed in the balance and found wanting.
 When a group of women get together at a reception heaven help the first to leave.
 None but the brave desert the fair.
 The average woman is never so happy as when trying to answer an unanswerable argument.
 Some women have their faces massaged with ice, hence their cool cheek.
 Some women grow old gracefully, others keep disgracefully young.
 To ask a woman what she means is almost as bad as asking her what her means are.

H. W. STEEL FOUNDRIES

Teesdale.

Since our last issue, the Steel Foundry has suffered the loss of Mr. Geo. Carter. Mr. Carter had been employed in the Steel Foundry, Teesdale for a considerable number of years. He was a member of the old Welfare Committee and also the H.W. Employees' Council.

Mr. Jack Harper, for many years despatch clerk in the Steel Foundry, died very suddenly. His going was a great shock to his fellow employees and he will be greatly missed in the Yard.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Mercer is now on the way to recovery and we are glad to see back amongst us Mr. Frank Harris, Mr. Harry Dixon and Mr. Harry Lamb, who have been away ill.

Interdepartmental Football Competition.

Once again the Steel Foundry have won the cup—the third year in succession. This reflects great credit on our team. The cup was presented to the winners by Mr. W. G. Bartaby.

A Smoker was held in the Vane Arms Hotel to commemorate the winning of this cup. Mr. J. E. Mercer was in the chair and was supported by Mr. D. W. Atkinson, Mr. F. Harris, Mr. H. Lamb, Mr. G. Taylor and Mr. L. Fielden. Mr. Mercer handed the Cup to Mr. Allison, Captain and congratulated him and the team on their achievement. Plaques were presented to the players.

A pleasing ceremony took place later when Mr. Allison (team Captain) presented Mr. Mercer with a pipe and tobacco pouch on behalf of the team as a token of their esteem.

Entertainment was provided by the Watsonian concert party.

**STOCKTON FORGE
 "THE HARD WAY"**

Determined to see Europe even if it is "the hard way" is Mona Smailes of the Forge General Office, who has just returned from a hitch hiking holiday in France, with three friends.

Last year she toured Holland by cycle and next year they hope to go to Spain.

The most expensive part of the trip was the fare to Paris—from there she made her way down to Cannes via Lyons, Avignon and Marseilles, taking three days for her trip from Paris.

Interesting places visited included Fontainebleau, the island Sainte Marguerite (where the man in the Iron Mask was imprisoned) Sacre Coeur and the Eiffel Tower.

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The many friends of Steve Wilson, who has served 22 years in Stockton Forge Drawing Office, wish him the best of luck in the new position he is to take up with Messrs. Rendell, Palmer & Tritton, consulting engineers. His presence will be greatly missed by all, especially draughtsmen and apprentices.

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Is it right that Billy Cook contemplates going on a caravan tour and that doorways have to be widened to allow him to enter?

For Sale.

Car in good working order can do 30 miles per hour down Lythe Bank.

Apply "Happy" Forge Fitting Shop.

Football.

Will any players wishing to sign for H.W. & Co. please contact the following:—

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| James Dickenson | Maintenance D.O. |
| Joe Davies | Iron Foundry |
| John (Pedlar) Palmer | Teesdale Bridge Yard |
| John Ambrosi | Garage |
| Edwin Carter | Stockton Steel Foundry |
| Jack McGowan | Forge Machine Shop |

ROCK GARDENS

There is nothing so fascinating as a rock garden in the ordinary town garden. So many plants of different varieties can be accommodated in a small space, also the rockery can fill the odd corner which might otherwise be used for dumping rubbish.

There are a few simple rules to observe when constructing—see that good drainage is made by laying clinkers, broken bricks and other rubbish, then cover with a layer of soil and compost, enough to make it easy to place the stones. When these are laid put on enough soil to cover three-quarters of the depth of the stones, using stone which absorbs moisture so that the plants can cling to it, and roots from under it, getting plenty of moisture even when everything else is dried up.

The stones must be placed in such a position that rain will soak into the soil and not run off, and in natural irregular layers to form a stratum.

In the next issue I shall give names of plants so that you can have a succession of flowers throughout the season.

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Our last issue contained a valediction to "Utility Referee", Ron Collins, who has now returned to the fold with a "bang" as winner of the 100 yds. and with the co-operation of Bernard Knaggs, Ken Austin, Joe Dobson & Wm. Nicholson as second in the Relay brings the Managers' Trophy to the Boro'. As our boys won the Junior Football this puts M'bro definitely "on the Map". Congrats to all. What about the "Bowls" and the "Cricket"?

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Men in the Forces.

Best wishes to the following lads of H.W. Machine Co. now in the forces: Alfie Bell, Bob Oliver, W. Chambers, Maurice Gibson, Bill Walton, Eddie Mann & Ken Goodison.

Speedy recovery to Mr. F. V. Hall, Mr. Norman Reed, Mr. Peter Deakin & Mr. Joe Purvis.

McKEE IRON & STEEL DIVISION

As in most trades these days the McKee Division has changes in its staff, and it is almost always with regret that one sees a colleague leave, but in this Division we have also watched some go with pride, for they are taking overseas with them their knowledge and experience which is all part of the world renowned British Engineering Industry. Firstly Stan Allan went to Australia, then Arthur Curson to Persia (although he has recently returned to England owing to the unsettled conditions out there), Bernard Randell to India, Len Mead to Canada, and now we hear that Rhodesia is claiming one of our Engineers. We hope that all these gentlemen are having happy and successful careers in their different corners of the world and that they find that the time spent in H.W.'s McKee Division is standing them in good stead.

We were recently visited by two of our American friends—Mr. Merrill Cox and Mr. J. H. Sharpe of Arthur G. McKee & Co. Their visit was very brief, but it was a pleasure to meet them again instead of merely seeing a signature at the foot of a letter. We understand the English rationing did not worry them—they were able to obtain plenty of nourishment in one form or another.

Two of the Drawing Office Staff—Dennis Clarke and Ronnie Higson—now go round in a less light hearted manner than previously, having taken on the worries of married life. However, we wish both their wives and themselves many years of happiness.

H. W. PROCESSES LTD.

Head Wrightson Processes, London, have recently had the pleasure of an extended visit from Mr. Don W. Darnell, President of the Fluor Corporation of Los Angeles, California. Our readers may not all be aware of the fact that H.W.P. has an association with this large American Engineering Company. We co-operate with Fluor as Refinery Contractors and also market their specialised equipment, such as Water Cooling Towers and Fin Fan Atmospheric Coolers in the sterling area. Eight Cooling Towers have already been supplied and built by our Company in the U.K. and overseas, with orders for seven more at present in hand. Fin-Fan orders for the Middle East have been received, the manufacture and assembly being by the Engineering Division at Thornaby.

During Mr. Darnell's stay in London, all aspects of the collaboration between the two companies were discussed, including the future joint handling of various projects.

The Fluor Corporation, with its very extensive and efficient erection organisation, is engaged on large scale operations in the Middle East as well as the United States and Canada, and Mr. Darnell has proceeded from London to the Middle East to visit his staff there. On his return through London it is hoped that he may be able to visit Thornaby, when we can show him with pride our own manufacturing facilities.



The accompanying photograph was taken during the discussions in H.W.P.'s offices. Left to right.

Mr. W. Manson	—Engineering Manager, H.W.P.
Mr. D. H. Carter	—Director and General Manager, H.W.P.
Mr. A. D. Davidson	—Technical Manager, H.W.P.
Mr. D. W. Darnell	—President - Fluor Corporation.
Dr. R. C. Fisher	—Managing Director, H.W.P.
Mr. G. D. Youngson	—Contracts Manager, H.W.P.

HEAD WRIGHTSON EMPLOYEES' COUNCIL SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

The Finance Committee present herewith their report and the audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 1950.

Accounts.

The Accounts for the General Funds show a surplus of £456 and those of the Social and Athletic Club a deficit of £232 for the year or a net surplus of £224 for the year on all activities.

Comparative figures for the previous period show that for an 18 months period there was a surplus of £1,315 in the General Funds, and a deficit of £325 for 12 months in the accounts of the Social and Athletic Club. The general Funds for this period however included the special gift of £1,000 by the Company.

The total amount of the employees contributions for the year under review was £4,132 of which sum approximately 44% was given to approved outside charitable objects.

The Company made a further gift of £500, and have also promised a sum of £5,000 towards improvements in recreational amenities. This continued generous financial support by the Board of Directors is most helpful to the work of the Council, and greatly appreciated.

During the year sickness, death and hardship grants paid amounted to £821 whilst welfare organised for retired employees and their wives and employees children accounted for £462. The grant payable on the death of a contributor was increased from £3 to a maximum of £10.

The deficit of £232 incurred by the Social and Athletic Club is disappointing especially in view of the 50% rise in income it received due to the increased allocation sanctioned from the employees contributions.

The adverse result is largely due to an increase in expenditure on repairs and to the loss of £83 sustained by the bar as against a profit of £25 made in the previous year. A Finance sub-committee which the Council decided upon has been formed by the Social and Athletic Club, but this Committee did not begin to function until near the close of the year so that it had very little opportunity of influencing the results.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER, 1950.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
GENERAL FUND :									
Balance at 1st January 1950				6311	15	10½			
Add Excess of income over Expenditure for year ..				456	12	3	6768	8	1½
WORKMENS PENSION FUND :									
Balance at 1st January 1950 ..				256	12	2½			
Add Income for the year ..				172	13	4	429	5	6½
SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC CLUB FUND :									
Balance at 1st January 1950 ..				1496	2	7			
Add Balance from Bowls Section					8	10	11		
				1504	13	6			
<i>Less BAR SECTION :</i>									
Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	83	8	1						
<i>SOCIAL & ATHLETIC SECTION :</i>									
Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	147	16	3						
<i>BOWLS SECTION :</i>									
Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	1	18	9						
				233	3	1			
<i>Deduct FOOTBALL SECTION :</i>									
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ..	17	9		232	5	4	1272	8	2
							8470	1	10
SUNDRY CREDITORS :									
Beers, Cigarettes, Pantomime &c.				1104	0	6			
Head Wrightson Steel Foundries Workmens Savings Fund				10	0	0			
Provision for Income Tax on Investment income received gross				37	14	1	1151	14	7
CARRIED FORWARD							9621	16	5

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
FURNITURE, FITTINGS & EQUIPMENT :						
As valued by the Officials of the Council in 1949				252	15	6
Additions since at cost				501	7	2
				754	2	8
<i>Less</i> Written off in year to date				94	2	8
						660
						0
RENOVATIONS TO RECREATION HALL :						
Expenditure during the year to 31st December 1949				184	16	0
<i>Less</i> Amounts written off to date				74	16	0
						110
						0
RECREATION HALL BAR STOCK :						
as taken by Mr. Bartaby, Secretary of the Social and Athletic Club Committee and valued at cost						188
						12
						6

INVESTMENTS :

Valued at Market Value, 5th July 1948			
£450—3½%	War Stock	460 2 6
£300—2½%	Consolidated Stock	225 0 0
£200—4%	Consolidated Stock	216 0 0
AT COST			
£1000—3%	Defence Bonds	1000 0 0
£1700—2½%	Consolidated Stock	1375 17 3
£500—3%	Defence Bonds	500 0 0
£1000—2½%	Defence Bonds	1000 0 0
			4776 19 9
<i>Less</i> Reserve for Depreciation of Investments			
			300 0 0
			4476 19 9
(Market Value at 31st December 1950—£4545)			
SUNDRY DEBTORS :			
			6 0 0
CARRIED FORWARD			5441 12 3
			£ s. d.
BROUGHT FORWARD			9621 16 5
			£9621 16 5
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
BROUGHT FORWARD			5441 12 3
SUSPENSE ACCOUNT—GENERAL DEVELOPMENT :			
			427 10 0
CASH AT BANKERS AND IN HAND :			
On Deposit Account			1545 7 1
On Current Account			2091 9 2
Cash in Hand			115 17 11
			3752 14 2
			£9621 16 5

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
TO						
EXPENDITURE						
SUBSCRIPTIONS :						
Ropner Convalescent Home	638	10	4			
Manor House Hospital	939	14	0			
Social and Athletic Club	905	12	3			
Dr. Barnardo's Home	159	12	6			
Workmens Pension Fund	172	13	4	2816	2	5
DONATIONS :						
Institute for the Blind	40	0	0			
Thornaby Old Age Pensioners	10	0	0			
Stockton Old Age Pensioners	10	0	0			
League of Friends—Stockton & Thornaby Hospital	10	0	0	70	0	0
GRANTS TO EMPLOYEES :						
Sickness Grants	630	0	0			
Hardship Grants	101	0	0			
Death Grants	90	0	0	821	0	0
OLD AGE PENSIONERS—EX EMPLOYEES :						
Summer Outing—1950	66	10	0			
Christmas Gifts—1950	54	0	0	120	10	0
				341	12	6
EMPLOYEES CHILDRENS TREAT—PANTOMIME 1950						
Income Tax on Interest on Investments ..				66	18	9
Cost of Plaque for Ropner Convalescent Home				5	10	0
Audit Fee (2 years)				31	10	0
Annual Fruit and Vegetable Show				30	11	0
Balance excess of Income over Expenditure for the period carried to Balance Sheet				456	12	3
				£4760	6	11

	£	s.	d.
BY			
INCOME			
EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTIONS	4132	6	0
COMPANY'S CONTRIBUTIONS	500	0	0
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS—GROSS	128	0	11
	£4760	6	11

F. SHEPHERD, *Chairman*.
P. C. K. CORNEY, G. RENWICK,
For Finance Committee.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and the Income and the Income and Expenditure Accounts attached with the Books and vouchers of the Funds and find the same to be in accordance there with. We have verified the Investments which are in the names of the Trustees.

11 Ironmonger Lane, London, E.C. 2., and
Queen's Square,
MIDDLESBROUGH.
18th April, 1951.

(Signed) PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS.

ACCOUNT — YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1950
GENERAL FUND INCOME & EXPENDITURE



H. W. PERSONALITIES — No. 10

MR. MATT. NEWTON — WORKS SAFETY OFFICER

Of the many valued servants still in our Company, none is better known than Matt. Newton who started in Teesdale Bridge Yard in 1890 as a "pincher boy", he was quickly moved to the Template Shop and at the age of 19 was made an assistant contractor. For a short period after his 21st birthday he sought extra experience with some local firms and returned after serving from 1916-1919 in the Royal Navy.

He recalls that in his early youth the Bridge Yard was a large open space with only one building with a latticed column about thirty-five feet high from which was suspended the first electric light in the district. The power for the punching machines (no drilling machines) was obtained from a horizontal steam engine driving an overhead shaft and breakages were frequent in the days of leather belts.

In 1920 he was elected from the Bridge Yard to the Welfare Committee where he continued to serve until the inception of the Works Councils.

In the days of trade depression, Sir Guy arranged a Hobbies' Club and provided free timber for any who wished to spend their time making useful articles and Matt. Newton was placed in charge.

In 1926 he was nominated as the Safety Representative from the Welfare Committee, and in 1943 he was appointed full time Accident Prevention Officer in which capacity he is still employed. In this job he has visited all our branches and carried out his duties successfully. When interviewed for this article, he expressed the wish that we should pass on to his fellow-workmates this slogan:—

"Think safety first — practice safety first".

This has been his aim in the many years which he has rendered service to his fellows to help them to be

protected from avoidable accidents. As he reaches retiring age we wish him continued health and happiness.

NEWS BRIEFS.

Welcome back to Mr. J. E. Mercer after his illness. Though he says he is only "80%" it seems to us that he has lost nothing of his ability to put his thoughts into words.

Congratulations to Mr. C. Mavrogianes on his election to the Council of Stockton Corporation.

Teesdale Park Bowling Green was honoured on 29th August by a visit from the teams of the Yorkshire County and Hertfordshire County. Mr. Miles looked in to give them a word of welcome and the Presidents of both teams expressed their gratitude to the Athletic Committee and commented favourably about our green. A beautiful souvenir banner was left to the Club as a momentum of the visit, which now hangs in the Bowls Pavilion.

To maintain contact with the many firms with which we are associated in the U.S.A., Mr. Peter Wrightson is paying them a visit.

Sir John is flying shortly to our Works at Benoni, South Africa, for two and a half months.

The long awaited opening of the new canteen is at hand. The hall is something to be proud of and we look forward to some happy social events as well as comfortable and hygienic surroundings for our meals.

Final of Departmental Cricket Competition had to be played twice. The first occasion, Wednesday, 22nd August, Stockton Forge Machine Shop and Stockton Forge Bridge Yard played a tie.

On the second occasion, Saturday, 25th August, the Machine Shop proved their supremacy and ran out winners by 7 runs. We must mention the feat of M. Toulson of Stockton Forge Bridge Yard who, in the semi final, took 9 wickets for no runs.

The Final of the Interdepartmental Bowls Competition held on Wednesday, night, 5th September was a very keen and exciting game resulting in a win by 2 shots for Stockton Forge Bridge Yard over Stockton Steel Foundry. At 15 ends, Stockton Steel were 2 shots in front, at 18 ends Stockton Steel were still in front but only by 1 shot. The last 3 ends saw Stockton Forge Bridge Yard gain the advantage.

APPRENTICE SCHOOL & CANTEEN

It is now over two years since we lost our Apprentice School and part of the Canteen facilities through the disastrous factory fire and in these days of building shortages it has not been easy to obtain replacements.

All our regular users of the Canteen have waited for many years to eat their meals in pleasant surroundings and we feel sure that the new premises will answer their desires.

The Apprentice School is being built at the end of these premises and when completed will be the pride of our apprentices, as there will be nothing to compare with it in the North of England.

Through a chain of events culminating in the transfer of the Class one welding Department, we were finally able to re-design the old Erection Store to meet our requirements. The result is that very shortly we shall be closing down the workmen's Canteen and transferring to the new Hall where complete new and modern kitchen equipment has been installed in most pleasant surroundings. There is no doubt also that the laying of a good floor will enable us to have some of our social events also in the Hall.