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OUR FIRST YEAR APPRENTICES OUTSIDE THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT WITH MR. J. E. SIMON, Q.C., M.P.,
FOR MIDDLESBROUGH WEST.

CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR'S LETTER

My Friends,

The Central Office of Information has recently issued a booklet called "Where We Stand This Year," an official account of the prospect for 1952."

Its main feature is that unless we can pay for what we want, we shall get less.

This is so obvious that it does not need a booklet price fourpence to explain it.

It says that we have to import: all our petrol, rubber, and cotton; four fifths of our timber and wool; half our iron ore and food.

We are not paying for them by exports, so we are dipping into our reserves. Our reserves are, or were, disappearing in consequence. Last year, half our reserves disappeared in six months.

The defence programme has made things more difficult. As I see that problem, we should either say we are not going to spend anything on defence, and take what comes; or do our best to stop war. To go off at half-cock, as some people recommend, seems to me illogical and unwise.

From another source I have figures which show that our increase in exports last year was about the lowest of any industrial country. Ours was 14%. Italy, Sweden Belgium, Holland, Canada, U.S.A. about 30%. France 45%. Germany and Japan 90%. The last two had a

pretty poor basis. We probably had a high basis; but it does not make cheerful reading.

The official booklet says that unrationed food and textiles, from abroad, also home produced metal goods, will be less available at home. There will be less American tobacco, fewer tourists abroad, fewer new cars, possibly less maintenance on transport and other services.

The sale of home produced textiles is to be encouraged. Prices are bound to go up in some directions.

Most of you know me well enough to imagine my dislike of writing depressing articles. I make no apology though, at any time, in letting people know the facts, for I have confidence that if we are convinced of the facts, as we were in the early part of the War, we nearly always draw the right conclusions, act accordingly, and surmount our difficulties.

Shortly we shall be having the Engineering Trades' first official two weeks Annual holiday. This is another step in the progress of the "Machine Age" and in the right direction. Some people think the timing questionable, but it would be a poor look-out, if all the work and ingenuity that have been applied in our industries, was not reflected in an improvement in our way of life.

I hope we all forget our worries, and have an enjoyable time.

Richard Miles



MR. FOSTER GARTON AND MISS B. CRASTER

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES.

Middlesbrough Works.

Mr. John Hornsey, Erecting Shop and Miss K. Jenkinson.

Mr. Peter Deakin, Machine Shop to Miss Norma Lagus.

Mr. W. H. Mather, Works Manager to Mrs. Peppercorn.

COMING OF AGE.

Miss Irene Moss, Egglecliffe Foundry who came of age on 14th April.

DEATHS.

Condolences to:—

The widow and family of Mr. T. Craggs, one of our Old Age Pensioners. Mr. Craggs worked in the Die Shop at Teesdale for 37 years.

Middlesbrough.

Mr. T. H. Hall and family on the death of his father.

The widow and family of Mr. J. Purvis, who was a toolsmith's striker.

Stockton Steel Foundry.

Mr. F. Wales on the death of his mother.

Mr. David Dodds on the death of his wife.

SILVER WEDDING.

H.W. Aluminium Ltd.

Mr. ("Tot" of the Alloy Shop) and Mrs. W. Sheldon.

Smiths' Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson.

Steel Foundry, Teesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hutchinson, Cost Department.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Bridge Yard.

Mr. F. Pearce to Miss A. Wells.

Miss B. Burdett to Mr. T. Douglas.

Miss K. McCabe to Mr. S. Harrison.

Middlesbrough.

Miss V. Lynass (Progress Dept.) to Mr. Walford Davies (Machine Shop) at present serving in R.A.F.

BIRTHS.

Head Wrightson Aluminium Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Kemp—a daughter, Gillian Meryl.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Rowntree (nee Allison)—a daughter, Lorraine.

Pattern Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver—a daughter.

Bridge Yard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Waton—a daughter.

Stockton Steel Foundry.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bowman—a daughter.

Mrs. Norma Armstrong (formerly of our staff)—a daughter.

Forgings Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Paul—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Miss Margaret Kerr, H.Q., Teesdale to Mr. Gordon Slack.

H.W. Aluminium Ltd.

Mr. Foster Garton to Miss Betty Craster.

Bridge Yard.

Mr. B. Simpson to Miss N. Sharp.

Stockton Steel Foundry.

Mr. H. Cox, Fitting Shop to Miss G. Brynn.

Mr. H. Riley (Foundry) to Miss L. Watson.

Mr. D. Almond, (Foundry) to Miss Gowland.

Speedy Recovery to:—

Mr. Jack Robinson, Middlesbrough Machine Shop.

Mr. Jim Dunkerley, Middlesbrough Machine Shop.

Mr. Jim Turner, Middlesbrough Machine Shop.

Mr. Tom Dawson (Tool Room)

Mr. F. Bond (Middlesbrough erecting shop)

Mrs. Smith (Middlesbrough Cleaners)



H.W. APPRENTICES—WINNERS OF JUNIOR INTERDEPARTMENTAL FOOTBALL COMPETITION—1952

Our front page picture shows the boys from the apprentice school outside the Houses of Parliament when they visited London for the Leonardo da Vinci exhibition. A full day was arranged for them as the following programme shows:—

**Apprentice Training School
VISIT TO LONDON
LEONARDO DA VINCI EXHIBITION
25th April, 1952.**

Thursday, 24th April.

11-52 p.m. depart Stockton Station by reserved coaches.

Friday, 25th April.

6-5 a.m. arrive King's Cross. Met by two motor coaches with guide lecturers for tour of London markets.

7-30 a.m. Breakfast—Lyon's Corner House, Coventry Street.

9-30 a.m. Drive via the Mall to Buckingham Palace and to Head Wrightson & Company's office in Buckingham Gate.

9-45 a.m. Reception at Ship House by Mr. S. T. Robson.

10-30 a.m. Royal Academy Diploma Gallerey—Leonardo da Vinci Exhibition.

11-45 a.m. Rejoin Motor Coaches.

12-00 Lunch—Lyons' Corner House, Coventry Street.
1-15 p.m. by motor coaches to Whithall, Fleet Street, St. Paul's and Tower of London.

3-45 p.m. Arrive offices of Head Wrightson Processes Ltd. Reception by Dr. R. C. Fisher. (Refreshm'ts)

4-15 p.m. Rejoin Motor Coaches.

4-30 p.m. House of Commons—New Palace Yard Entrance. (Mr. J. E. Simon, Q.C., M.P.). Tour of House.

5-0 p.m. High Tea—Lyons' Corner House, Coventry Street. Coaches dismissed. Party at Liberty until

7-30 p.m. London Hippodrome—"Bet your Life."

11-00 p.m. Depart King's Cross Station. Packed carton meals will be provided with tea on the train.

Saturday, 26th April.

5-18 a.m. Arrive Stockton Station.

All the boys were asked to write a report on the visit and the prize-winners are as follows:—

Tie for 1st Place W. H. Bexley and R. Pallister.

2nd D. W. Hall.

3rd L. Walker.

Consolation prizes go to D. Harrison, J. Reeve, A. Kirby, A. Lackenby and K. Milburn.

We think that the following extract from R. Pallister's report summarises the general feeling of the boys:—

"It was fifty five very tired but very happy apprentices that climbed aboard the 11 a.m. train from King's Cross congratulating themselves on signing on with such a firm as Head Wrightsons'.

What have we apprentices gained in knowledge from the trip? We have come to know each other much better and so our work as a team will improve. We have learnt much of the working methods of the Head Wrightson Organisation. We have seen the works of a man whom we can set up as an example of what we want to become, try to emulate his foresight and hard work, for surely he must have worked to achieve fame in so many spheres. Leonardo Da Vinci had an advantage over his contemporary artists, his contemporary engineers and his contemporary sculptors for he was a master of all three arts, each of which was helped by his knowledge of the other two. This was a result of Leonardo's gifted brilliance. Head Wrightsons' Apprentice School boys have a similar advantage—they have experience at every craft in the works and this will certainly help them when they pick their own craft. This is the result of the foresight and generosity of the Head Wrightson directors. We, boys, appreciate this and do our best to show our appreciation by our work in the craft that the directors have allowed us to pick for ourselves."

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

Once again arrangements were made for a team from our Head Wrightson Processes' office to come to Tees-side and meet a representative team from our Northern Works. We were fortunate in obtaining the use of a private ground at the Grange Great Ayton where the pitch was set in most beautiful surroundings.

The Northern team batted first and having scored 30 for 1, rain stopped play and, unfortunately, the match could not continue. Some good staff work was put in, however, and the two teams and their friends returned to Teesdale Hall. An opportunity was given for the London people to have a quick tour of the works. This was followed by tea when Sir John welcomed the visitors and though he regretted that the match had had to be cancelled, he hoped that the contacts made would serve a useful purpose in fostering the good relationship between the various sections of our works.

QUICK ACTION

Alan Porter, an Apprentice electrician aged 18, and member of the Works Engineer's Department was working on the Magnet Crane at the bottom of the Steel Foundry Yard when he heard cries from some children who were playing near the static water storage tank, he rushed over there and found that a small boy had fallen in and was lying on the bottom of the tank. Alan waded into the water and brought him out. There is little doubt that but for his prompt action the child would have been drowned.

Alan seems to have taken all this as part of the day's work for he went home, changed his clothes and came back and finished his job on the crane.

THE ROCKERY GARDEN

Plants most suitable for the small rockery:

The most common and easily grown is AUBRIETIA. It comes in Pink, Blue, Rose, Lilac and Violet and makes a cushion spreading over stones and soil alike, adding a splash of colour wherever it grows. Flowers from April to June and July. Easily grown from seed.

ARABIS (white.) A pretty quick-growing plant. Must be kept in check as it will smother less rampant plants. Sow seeds in March. Take cuttings in August and plant in sandy soil.

CAMPANULA Pretty bell-shaped flowers in Blue, Lavender, White and Rose. There is a large variety and some are hard to rear, so for the beginner I will just mention some of the easily grown variety:

C. Carpatica (Blue & White) Flowers May to September

C. Muralis (Purple & Blue) Flowers June to August

Harebell (Blue & White) Flowers all Summer

C. G. F. Wilson (Deep Violet Blue) Flowers June to Aug.

DIANTHUS or ROCKERY PINK. Makes a beautiful attraction in the rockery, easiest to grow are D. Alpinus (Pink or White) D. Eaeisus (Rose) and D. Neglectus (Deep Pink) Flower in June.

ALPINE PHLOX in Violet, Pink, Red and Lilac. They are sometimes called Mossy Phlox, and produce a mass of flowers cascading over the rocks. Flowering from May to July.

SAXIFRAGE or ROCKFOIL. Silvery foliage which is very pleasing, with Yellow, White, and Pink flowers from May to July. There is such a variety of Saxifrage that a rockery could be grown with that alone and have a very pleasing effect.

To be continued.



The above Certificate was awarded for a Solid Forged Locomotive Roller Bearing Axle Box which was the first of its kind to be made in this country. It was

designed and developed in conjunction with Messrs. British Timpken Ltd., and has great possibilities.

DIVISIONAL NEWS

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Machine Shop.

It was with deep regret that members of this Division heard of the death of Mr. "Sammy" Marshall. No doubt tribute will have been paid elsewhere in this magazine but we who worked under him would like to add ours. It is quite a few years since he was in charge of this department but he was still fresh in our memories. One often heard in the shop, "Sammy Marshall did this" or "I always remember Mr. Marshall telling me." Yes, all this was years ago, such was the respect in which he was held. My own first impression was of a bowler-hatted figure telling me the morning I started my apprenticeship not to let him catch me smoking. Yes they don't come like him often. To his family we express our deepest sympathy.

We had a visit from Joe Melia, home after 4½ years with the R.A.F. in Canada. Joe, ex full-back for the works team, is fitter and heavier than ever. His many friends at Stockton Steel Foundry would see the service is a pretty good grub house. He tells me he's thinking of giving up soccer, and being satisfied with cricket.

The fact that little has appeared in these notes about the Heat Exchange Shop doesn't mean that nothing happens down by the river. "Happy" Jack Wellum and his merry men seem to have a dread of seeing their names in print. Surely, the police don't read this sheet, do they Barney?

On the back page is an account of the working life of one of our oldest and most popular workmates. I refer, of course, to Ted Smith. Ted has had to take a lot of good-humoured kidding about being the pin-up boy. One was suggested he be done in Oil and another suggested he be done in batter. Joking apart, Ted, we hope you are with us for a lot more years yet.

We hope that by the time this goes to press, we will have welcomed back Dick Addison to work. This is the first long illness we can remember Dick having and he has been missed a lot.

D.O. (Teesdale)

As the result of a youthful wager, the latest hardship inflicted on the D.O. is the introduction of that tonsorial nightmare "the crew cut" and the sage old members watched with mixed amusement and horror when Master Don Barker appeared with his hair as neat as a coconut mat. Not to be outdone Master Jeff. Goodman promptly arrived resembling a damp young jackdaw and so great was the merriment, his "slash" had to receive attention before being fit to be seen in the normally staid D.O.

Master Ken Robinson, the third member of the gambling trio wilted before the ribald wit of his colleagues, and stroking his long tresses with a loving hand decided that he must pay his debt in true D.O. fashion; he must show his mettle.

And so before an enthusiastic audience, on the 31st April, he showed us what kind of a lad he really is—truly a youth of honour. "Honi Soit qui mal y pense."

STOCKTON STEEL FOUNDRY

The 28th June is an important day for the staff of Stockton Steel Foundry, that being the date of the Summer outing which takes the form of a circular tour, calling at Helmsley, Pickering (for Lunch) then in to Sleights and Whitby where dinner will be served at the Crown Hotel, after which the return to Stockton via the Coast Road.

We are glad to see back amongst us Mr. Alf Adams after a long illness, he was greatly missed.

Welcome to Mr. George Taylor on his appointment to the Foundry Staff, we hope his stay amongst us will be very happy.

Congratulations to Teesdale Steel Foundry on winning the Departmental Cup. The efforts of the Stockton Steel Foundry Team were very feeble in this competition, buck up, Lads and get fit for next season.

H.W. MACHINE CO.

Our congratulations go to Messrs P. J. Llewellyn and N. Bashford who have both recently been accepted as Associate Members of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

A large number of our staff were able to see films produced by Yorkshire Copper Works showing the production of tubes and fittings and in which were some first class shots of a rotary piercer and a number of draw-benches which were supplied by The Machine Company.

We are pleased to have back with us from The United States Messrs F. A. Battey and J. C. W. Black, both of whom have been visiting The Aetna-Standard Engineering Company in Pittsburgh and Ellwood City and have paid visits to a number of works in The United States in which Aetna-Standard equipment is in use.

We have with us for about two weeks Mr. Gus. Mandry of Aetna-Standard and Mrs. Mandry. Mr. Mandry has recently been appointed as Assistant Chief Engineer in charge of the Tube Mill Division of the Aetna-Standard Company. We expect shortly to have a visit from Mr. William Rodder, the Vice-President in charge of engineering, of the Aetna-Standard Engineering Company.

Mr. N. C. Lake has recently visited Sweden to make contact with a number of old and new customers.

There is at Middlesbrough an ever increasing coterie interested in the game of chess, and a recent match between the Works and Offices resulted in a 4-1 win for the former, and which, no doubt, the latter will seek to reverse. A challenge to any other Division is hereby conveyed.

Our bowlers are now in the semi-final of the works competitions and we hope they will meet with further success.

Mr. Robert Brand, Shift Foreman, Machine shop, Middlesbrough left us at the end of April to take up a post at I.C.I., Winsford, Cheshire. He was presented with a clock by Mr. Jack Simpson. Mr. F. V. Hall spoke of his good work and wished him success in his new sphere.

Mr. Ernest Whitfield (Middlesbrough Drillers) is now awaiting the final approval to his emigration venture. His objective is Victoria, Australia and we wish him every success in his new venture.

McKEE IRON AND STEEL DIVISION

50 Players	3/-
Double Whisky	1/-
Beer	6d.
Gin & Orange	9d.

This is not an advertisement but an extract from a letter received from an ex-member of the McKee Division staff.

These are prices paid on the boat to South Africa. However, the boat trip appears to have been by far the most pleasant part of the journey, for after landing there followed a journey of 1700 miles in a dirty overcrowded train, in temperatures around 90° with not too friendly African Stewards in attendance.

Salisbury, the ultimate destination, seems to be a very pleasant city—houses are available but at a much higher price than in England. Native labour appears to be very cheap and as a result housewives have a life of leisure—the "boys" wash, cook, iron etc.

Owing to the poor road conditions English cars are not popular, the American type being favoured more.

According to the letter no one works very hard—office hours are from 8-0 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. and most offices serve tea every hour during the day—generally on the house.

This all seems very attractive, but, of course, there are disadvantages such as to get anywhere means a very long car ride and with temperatures ideal for bathing, it is impossible to do so, as one may contract a disease by bathing in local rivers or lakes and the sea is out of reach,

There is no doubt when one receives letters such as the above that it stirs up thoughts and gives one the urge to emigrate and, of course, these young countries, generally short of technicians and most branches of highly skilled labour, welcome the immigrant who can help to develop their country.

Such thoughts are very natural and as they pass through one's mind it becomes easy to think with excitement of foreign places and different surroundings, and that England is dull, but most people realize on second thoughts that this is not so, and after all it's not a bad country to live in.—As a matter of fact it is really quite good. Its countryside is second to none in the world for beauty, its climate though erratic is never violently extreme, its people are friendly, travel is easy etc., etc.

It is not intended to suggest people should not emigrate, far from it, but it is suggested that the thought of emigration may help one to realise and appreciate the advantages and privileges of living in England when one compares it with other countries, taking into consideration its faults and weaknesses, one must admit that it compares favourably with any other country on the earth.

The Division offers its congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Husband, Mr. & Mrs. Cook and Mr. & Mrs. Ferguson in each of which families a "happy event" has recently taken place.

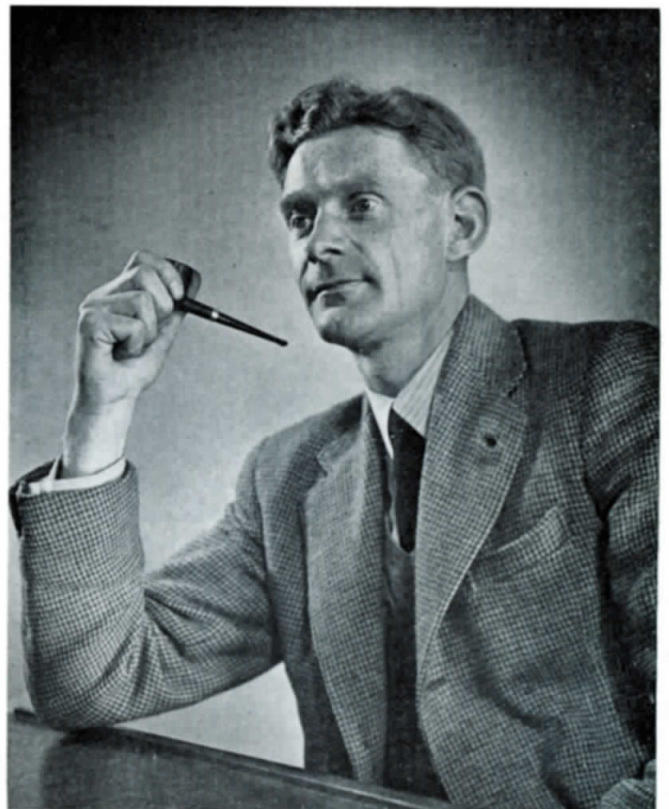
Also to Sheila Carbro (General Office) who is now Mrs. Errington—may her married life be long and happy.

H.W. DRAMATIC SOCIETY

A meeting of about thirty enthusiastic people in February resulted in the formation of the Head Wrightson Dramatic Society under the Chairmanship of Mr. Frank Shepherd. Later, Mr. Richard Miles, the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, graciously consented to become the Society's first President. After its formation, affiliation to the British Drama League was sought and granted.

The home of the society is Teesdale Hall, a building of no mean proportions and delightful acoustic properties. For the purpose of the Society's productions seating accommodation for approximately 380 people is provided.

After the inaugural meeting, Reg. Williams of the McKee Division, set to work with fourteen of the members in rehearsing "When we are Married" a Yorkshire comedy by J. B. Priestley, the contemporary Yorkshire author, whose writings so vividly portray the social life which is only to be found in England. The setting of the play is in the industrial town of Cleckheaton in the West Riding of Yorkshire about forty-five years ago. All the action takes place in the house of Alderman Joseph Helliwell, an eminent member of the community of that town. The plot lies in the fact that he and two other well-known personalities who have long been regarded as respectable married people, suddenly discover that the ceremonies are not valid.



MR. REG. WILLIAMS OF MCKEE DIVISION—THE PRODUCER

The play was presented by the society on the 28th, 29th and 30th May, to fairly large audiences of employees and their friends and relations. The seven lady members of the cast were the happy recipients of bouquets, kindly given by the Board of Directors, and presented by their male opposite numbers at the end of the last performance.

The Cast was as follows:—

Ruby Birtle, the Maid	...	Annette Griffiths
Mrs. Northrop, Charlady	...	Eileen O'Hara
Nancy Holmes, niece	...	Marlene Hingley
Gerald Holmes, her fiance & Chapel organist	...	George Heaton
Fred Dyson—reporter	...	Albert Patterson
Henry Ormerod, inebriated photographer	...	John Dawson
Ald. Joseph Helliwell	...	Peter Evans
Marion Helliwell	...	Sheila Cross
Coun. Albert Parker	...	Fred Mothersdale
Annie Parker	...	Margaret Kerr
Herbert Soppitt	...	Dennis Smith
Clara Soppitt	...	Marjorie Robson
Lott Grady, a remnant from Ald. Helliwell's past	...	Madeleine Green
Rev. Clement Mercer	...	Frank Shepherd

Delightful interval music was played by the Sinfonia String Ensemble led by Mr. Richard Blakey of local musical fame.

This report cannot close without particular reference to the producer, Reg. Williams, whose keen direction was responsible in no small measure for the production's success.

It is hoped that another play will be given in the autumn, so if any employees of the Head Wrightson organisation feel they could lend a hand in this direction they should contact the secretary, Miss Eileen O'Hara.



MARJORIE ROBSON, MARGARET KERR, SHEILA CROSS, ANNETTE GRIFFITHS, FRED MOTHERSDALE,
PETER EVANS AND DENNIS SMITH.



JOHN DAWSON AND ANNETTE GRIFFITHS.



H.W. PERSONALITIES

MR. T. E. SMITH—MACHINE SHOP.

Mr. Smith who is 69 years of age, is a labourer in our Machine Shop. There can be few of our employees who have spent so many years very close to the works—he has lived in and around Trafalgar Street since he was 15.

His father came to work as coachman to the firm in 1898 and later became the Company's horsekeeper. Mr. Smith started to work for the firm a year later and was employed first in the Bridge Yard and then in the Old Factory. At that time the four floors in the old factory buildings were all in use for different purposes.

Mr. Smith recalls the installation of electricity in the works and also recalls when the drills in the Bridge Yard were run by belts on drums which were steam driven. During the installation of the new furnace in the Steel Foundry, he remembers the metals being lifted manually from step to step.

He finds the organisation of working hours much changed too, in his early days, work commenced at 6-0 a.m. and he says a man could manage to get drunk before starting work.

At one time, Mr. Smith drove the works horse and cart but when the horses were sold he went to work in the Machine Shop where he has been employed for the last twenty years.

Mr. Smith tells us that he has given up smoking and this reminded him that many years ago, a fine of 1/- was imposed on men who smoked on the job. Mr. Smith has three sons employed in the works, two are moulders in the Steel Foundry.

Mr. Smith also recalled that meals for the Firm's directors were cooked in the house in which he lives now and carried across the road to the Main Offices.

We wish Mr. Smith continued good health and trust that he will remain for many years with us.

THE INSPECTOR'S LAMENT

It is an established fact that to be a successful Inspector, you must first of all be deficient in vision. The old adage of two heads being better than one does not apply, quite the reverse. One eye is considered far better than two (and so forth). If you have managed to have shed a limb or two or have been dropped from a great height when a baby your prospects are gilt edged.

All the world knows that at the battle of Waterloo, the words that stirred England were "Up Guards and at

'Em." To-day the words are "Down Gauges and Pass 'Em." We'll win the battle of production.

So when we are down in the dumps this little ditty sung to the tune of "Too Young" should certainly cheer us up.

They tried to tell us, we're too dumb
Too dumb to even pass the buck"
They say, Offset's a word, a word we've only heard
And can't begin to know the meaning of
But yet we're not too dumb to know
That this blasted gauge won't go!
And, then, when rejects make "em Bawl
Well we're not so dumb at all.

There is no doubt that Allen's driver
Doth possess a hobnailed liver
Tins of rabbit, herrings too,
He polishes off with scarce a chew
It has been said that he is able
To scoff 'em all, tin and label!
He thinks so much of his lovely grub
That he sharpens his teeth on a Vauxhall stub.
His political views are swift and deft
He likes to see all the "middlenights left"
We have heard that he was born in Middleton Tyas
So he'll know this is written without bias.

TABLE TENNIS

After having won the Stockton & District 'B' Division Championship last season, we have now entered two teams in this League, one team going into the 'A' Division. Any person interested in playing Table Tennis next season, which commences about the end of August, are asked to contact either Mr. J. H. Dickinson, Works Engineering Dept. (D.O.), Mr. L. Wardell, Teesdale Bridge Yard, or Mr. L. Berry, Forge (D.O.).

Play takes place in the Teesdale Club Hall. Nights for play and practice will be announced later.

Mr. Alfred Jennings of the Heat Exchange Shop had the honour of being sent as Area Delegate to the National Conference of the Independent Order of Goodfellows. This honour concludes Mr. Jennings' year of office as Provincial Grandmaster. The Conference was held in Guernsey and over 1,000 delegates attended.

HEAD WRIGHTSONS

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SHOW

Will all employees please note that the Annual Show will take place in September at the Teesdale Club.

It is hoped that there will be a large number of exhibits this year.

Watch your Works notice board for the date of the show and the list of classes.

H.W. Employees as photographers.

It is interesting to note that several members of our staff were prominent exhibitors in the Eighth International Exhibition of Photography held at Preston Hall, Eaglescliffe recently by the Norton-on-Tees Photographic Society.

Mr. J. T. Marriott, Wagon Dept. D.O. Teesdale, was awarded a plaque for his colour print "The Emerald Lady."

Also exhibiting were Mr. R. G. Wayman, who worked for a time in our Progress and Planning Dept, but is one of Messrs. Gibson, Battle, our Australian Associate Co.'s employees, Mr. James B. Milnes, Mr. Owen Payne, Mr. Cyril Hay, Mr. J. C. Littlewood.

Exhibitors sent entries from practically all parts of the world.

**THIRD ANNUAL MEETING
HEAD WRIGHTSON EMPLOYEES' COUNCIL.**

12th May, 1952.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The results for the year to 31st December, 1951 as shown by the various Income and Expenditure Accounts compared with those for the previous year, were as follows :—

	1951		1950
	£		£
General Fund	92 Surplus		456 Surplus
Social and Athletic Club			
Section A/c.	294 ..		149 Deficit
Bar A/c.	33 ..		83 ..
Total	<u>419 ..</u>		<u>224 Surplus</u>

Sickness, hardship and death grants paid during the year numbered 458 as against 365 in 1950, and these increased calls on the General Fund were almost wholly responsible for the reduction in the surplus as compared with the previous year. The total amount of these grants was £1,139 as against £821, and the effect of the increase in the death grant which commenced in October, 1950 is reflected in the figures.

The total of the employees' contributions for the year amounted to £4,435, and 48% of this sum was given to outside charitable institutions.

Continuing their past generous support, the Company gave £500 to the General Fund, and in addition £250 to the Social and Athletic Club Fund. The interest and ready assistance which the Board of Directors give to the work of the Council is most helpful and greatly appreciated.

Much credit is due to the members of the various Committees of the Social and Athletic Club for reversing by improved management the adverse results of 1950. During the year, the Bar was equipped with a cold room at a cost of £312, and the Bar takings showed an increase of over 12%.

Unfortunately, the market value of our investments in Government Stock declined so far during the year as to necessitate a further provision of £200 for depreciation to bring the provision up to £500 to correspond with the total fall in value. For some time now any surplus funds available for investment have been invested with a Trustee Savings Bank so as to avoid loss by capital depreciation.

The sum of £5,000, mentioned in the last report as promised by the Company for improvements in recreational amenities, was received conditionally during the year, and it has been placed on deposit pending the approval of a Scheme.

Although it is anticipated that the budgetted net income of all funds for the next year will be sufficient to maintain the present level of benefits and activities, no surplus is expected, and indeed there is no room for provision for contingencies. Under these circumstances, it is recommended that for the ensuing year no change be made in the existing arrangements and commitments.

The following is a summary of the audited Balance Sheet presented at the Meeting :—

Accumulated Funds at 31st December,	1951	1950
	£	£
General Fund	6,660	6,768
Workmens' Pension Fund	588	430
Social and Athletic Club Fund	1,599	1,272
Recreation Ground Development Fund	5,019	-
	£13,866	£8,470

Represented by :—

Cash at Bankers and in hand	9,212	3,758
Investments, less reserve	4,277	4,477
Bar Stock	222	189
Furniture, Fittings and Equipment	851	660
Renovations to Recreation Hall	73	110
Ground Levelling	428	428
	15,063	9,622
Less Creditors	1,197	1,152
	£13,866	£8,470

The report of the Auditors, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., on the detailed Balance Sheet reads,

“We have audited the above Balance Sheet, and the Income and Expenditure Accounts attached, with the books and vouchers of the funds, and find the same to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the investments which are in the names of the trustees.”