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H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER, ACCOMPANIED BY OUR VICE-CHAIRMAN, SIR JOHN WRIGHTSON, BART, CROSSING THE BRIDGE AT ABERDEEN AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR'S LETTER

In this number of Wright Ahead, we see not only the pictures of some of our Coronation functions, but also of the opening ceremony by the Queen Mother of the Aberdeen Bridge, built by us. The emphasis on Royalty reminds us that we are one of the very few remaining countries which keep up the historical and traditional idea of the Head of a community, and at the same time is governed in practice by representatives chosen by free and universal suffrage.

There are many important countries who have not our well tried traditional experience, and run their governments on different lines. Good luck to them if it suits

them. For my own part, I am optimistic enough to feel that our method suits us best.

It must not be forgotten also, that the Crown is our only remaining formal link with the Commonwealth and Dominion Governments.

It is often said that the country gets the Government it deserves. As usual, therefore, the eventual responsibility comes back to each one of us, and I hope that it will be accepted so that we, as individuals, can maintain our value in the scheme of things, and retain our freedom of thought and action.

Richard Miles

BIRTHS

Congratulations to:—

Constructional Department.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Christon—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. P. Linton—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. Duckett—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. Hughes—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. Liggett—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. Presgrave—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Hinds—a daughter.
Steel Foundry—Teesdale.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesson—a daughter.
The H.W. Machine Co., Ltd.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Blenkarne—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Nofer—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Henry—a daughter.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Butchart—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jennings—a son.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Taylor—a daughter.

H.W. Aluminium.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson (nee Sheila Hardie)—a son, Stewart.

Maintenance Department.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reed—a son.



MR. & MRS. L. BRAIN.

MARRIAGES**Constructional Department.**

Mr. T. W. Russell to Mrs. King.
 Mr. M. Newton to Miss Kielty.

Steel Foundry, Teesdale.

Mr. F. Brown to Miss Olive Longstaff.
 Mr. M. Marley to Miss M. Holmes.
 Mr. E. James to Miss J. Brydon.
 Mr. J. Irish to Miss M. Sawdon.
 Mr. J. Allen and Miss M. Clemmitt.
 Mr. Albert Train to Miss C. Simpson.

Iron Foundry—Eaglescliffe.

Miss E. Bainbridge to Mr. H. N. Stokes.
 Miss K. Moss to Mr. D. Haswell.

The H.W. Machine Co., Ltd.

Mr. J. R. Bell to Miss A. Alderson.
 Mr. A. E. Fisher to Miss Gwen Ward.
 Mr. N. Spensley to Miss R. Mitchell.

Machine Shop.

Mr. N. (Punker) Graham to Miss J. Hutchinson.

Stockton Forge.

Mr. R. Richardson to Miss A. Davison.

H.W. Processes.

Mr. William C. Paterson (Projects Initiation Department) to Miss Helen Jeaffreson, at St. Anselms Church, Hatch End, Middx. on 20th November, 1953.

Mr. Keith Baker to Miss Marjorie Davison (Typist) at St. Marks Church, Forest Gate, London, on 17th October, 1953.

London Office.

Mr. L. Brain to Miss O. Bonner. Miss Bonner was employed for eight years at our London, H.Q.

McKee Division.

Miss E. McClure to Mr. P. Shepherd.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

Mr. G. Durham to Miss L. Bateson.

DEATHS

Condolences to the relatives of:—

Constructional Department.

Mr. E. Martin.
 Mr. R. Summerbell.
Steel Foundry—Teesdale.
 Mr. T. Lewis.
Machine Shop.
 A. Vickers.

ENGAGEMENTS**Constructional Department.**

Mr. R. Nicholson to Miss N. Bage.
The H.W. Machine Co., Ltd.
 Mr. K. Gale to Miss M. Woodhouse.
 Mr. B. V. Wren to Miss Y. Patterson.
 Miss J. Loach to Mr. L. Sumner.

RUBY WEDDING

Congratulations to Mr. J. Cheetham of the Steel Foundry and his wife on the celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

SILVER WEDDING

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Crossley.



MR. & MRS. D. HASWELL.



MR. & MRS. T. W. RUSSELL.



MR. & MRS. M. MARLEY.



MR. & MRS. R. RICHARDSON.



MR. & MRS. J. IRISH.



MR. & MRS. J. ALLEN.

Each issue reports more and more marriages of employees of the organisation. We are happy to print photographs of these happy occasions and here are another nine which have taken place in recent months.

Though very often space does not permit publication of all the photographs, all newly-weds should send their photos along and we promise to do our best.



MR. & MRS. N. H. STOKES.



MR. & MRS. A. E. FISHER.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Machine Shop.

We of the Machine Shop are pleased to report as busy a shop as any can remember. In fact, so healthy is the state that the old familiar cry of "Is there one on?" is shouted with confidence.

In the sporting field, this summer has been no kinder than others. Our darts, cricket and Bowls teams suffered its usual fate. In fairness, it must be said that the Bowls team was the best spoken and best dressed, we could field, Robbo, saw to that. Its been left to the individuals to keep us in the mag. Alex. Brown has extended his field of operations to Ireland. Very often now he is popping to Belfast to referee in the Irish League. Must make a change—being called the same old names but with an added Irish brogue.

Whilst the rest of his mates (they hope) are snug in the Tool Room, most winter weekends find Beth, Dermont seated on some river bank, fishing to his heart's content. To prove that all the big ones didn't get away, he brought the cup he had won for us to see. Beth claims he'll use anything but liquorice allsorts for bait.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the wife and family of the late Albert Vickers. Albert, who was a slinger in our Shop, died at the very early age of twenty eight. Also to Tommy Smith and family on the death of his wife.

Construational Department.

During the summer season, it has been very pleasing to note that members of the Construational Department have excelled in the field of sport.

They reached the final of the interdepartmental cricket competition with the youngest side for many years and they were unfortunate in being beaten—they have the excuse, however, that they batted in very bad light.

The Miles Tennis trophy for men's singles was won for the second time by Mr. G. Semple.

The Bowls Interdepartmental Competition was also won by the Bridge Yard and hearty congratulations are extended to all those who took part.

Champions are made every year and this year Jimmy Crossen brought honour to the department by winning the Head Wrightson Bowls Championship. He is at present in hospital and good wishes for his recovery are offered by his many friends.

Members of the department were also successful in the local open tournaments—Mr. Crossen and Mr. A. Littlewood won the North Yorkshire and South Durham Pairs competition and with Mr. D. Littlewood, reached the semi-final of the North Yorkshire E.B.A. Triples competition.

In a still higher class of Bowling, J. Bell of the Template Shop, was a member of the Thornaby Village team which reached the final of the Yorkshire County Triples Championship and qualified to play at Paddington in the All-England Championship but were, unfortunately, beaten in the early rounds.

Another member of the Department won the Guisbro' Club Coronation Tournament for Bowls.

At the Annual Swimming Gala, the Bridge Yard were runners-up in the Interdepartmental Relay Race.

The Division is pleased to record its thanks to the Chairman and Directors of the Company for the opportunity given to some of those who were engaged on work for the Aluminium Alloy Bridge at Aberdeen, to see its opening by H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. For most of them, it was the first occasion when they had seen the Queen Mother and as consequence the visit will long remain in their memories. They also felt a great deal of satisfaction at seeing the final completion of a job on which they had been engaged.

The journey the Aberdeen was long but everything was so well arranged that those of us who were guests never noticed it, particularly when the experience was so rewarding.

STEEL FOUNDRIES DIVISION

Steel Foundry.

The Steel foundry has quite a lot of personnel on the sick list and wishes a speedy return to work to Messrs. Hamilton, Isadore, Duffy, Parker, Laroche, Riddy and Mrs. Mathews.

Football. The department has once again won the Interdepartmental Competition—this is fast becoming a habit.

Some of the department's members were fortunate enough to see the opening of the Aluminium Alloy Bascule Bridge at Aberdeen by H.M. the Queen Mother. The department is pleased that the part it played in the production of the Bridge is so recognised.

The Steel Foundry made another piece of history on Friday, 2nd October, when a 20-ton Anvil Block was cast. The previous highest weight of a single casting was 17½ tons.

Stockton Steel Foundry.

JOE BELL'S TRILBY HAT

(With apologies to Alex. Russell)

That magic symbol of restraint,
That makes the plain soft caps seem quaint,
May hide perhaps a hairless top
That causes laughs throughout the shop,
That rude disturber of our chat,
Joe Bell's blinking trilby Hat.
A host of things he must forswear,
That ugly bit of felt to wear,
And many happy ties he snaps,
To leave the sphere of plain soft caps,
And snoop around like stealthy cat
Beneath Joe Bell's trilby Hat.
When Jet-propelled the week-end's fled,
We wander in with feet like lead,
And gather round the big stove doors,
To criticise the Boro's flaws,
We'd spend a happy day but at that,
Along comes Joe Bell's trilby Hat.
T'is not his features oh so pretty,
But about his hat, I write this ditty,
That battered remnant that he wears
To conceal the place where once grew hairs,
Even the apprentices we see knocked flat,
For laughing at Joe Bell's trilby Hat.
One night the metal was too hot,
With bits of scrap we chilled the pot,
To match the kiss of tender mould,
That's not too hot nor yet too cold,
He whose back we all did pat—
Threw in Joe Bell's trilby Hat.



(Anon)

H.W. STAMPINGS LTD.

Forgings.

Our shop's depressed through rumours rife,
And all are filled with sorrow,
For it's well-known—a fact of life
We're here and gone to-morrow.
The old shop's been condemned at last
And though reprieved so often,
We see the old things fading fast,
And hardened hearts won't soften.
We soon will move to pastures new,
At least that's what they've told us.
Though when they move the stamp and crew
There'll be nothing much to hold us.
So it seems quite safe to say
When summer's turned the heat on,
You'll find us all at play
Down by the sands at Seaton.



CORONATION PHOTOGRAPHS

To commemorate the occasion of the coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, the Employees' Council presented to each child of their members a book token whilst the Chairman and Directors of the Company presented to each child a silver spoon. Our photographs show Mr. and Mrs. Miles visiting all the departments and we hope that many of you will be able to recognise yourselves, in particular, the children who were presented in each department to represent the three thousand, two hundred recipients. Mrs. Miles really enjoyed the experience and we are grateful to her for giving us a full day and bringing so much joy to all the children.

Left to Right — Our Chairman's wife at Middlesbrough, Stockton Steel, Seaton, Eaglescliffe, Stockton Forge, Maintenance Department and Pattern Shop.



IRON FOUNDRY, TEESDALE.



FORGINGS, TEESDALE.



STEEL FOUNDRY.



BRIDGE YARD.



MACHINE SHOP.



H.W. ALUMINIUM.



GENERAL OFFICE, TEESDALE.

THE HEAD, WRIGHTSON MACHINE CO., LTD.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the engagement of the Office's strongest influence toward permanent bachelorhood—Ken Gale—it is sad to learn that the wind has been blowing in that direction for some time:—

DID HE FALL OR ?

Casanova succumbs at last
To the prettiest of the bunch,
With all the talent gone before,
She must have some punch!

Fortunately, we have an extremely capable successor to Ken in the much travelled and experienced D.A.A.—may he never lose his immunity to the snares and attacks of the "weaker" sex.

We were sorry to lose three very familiar faces recently—Cath Crosby, Lew Bailey and Harry Milner. Cath, for many years, the sole protector of the tracers from amorous draughtsmen, is now working in Bolton. Harry said that having worked for a long time in close proximity to Jack Byers, he felt a need for the fresh breezes and wide open spaces of Canada. Lew, affectionately known as "The Perpetual Hangover" is now suffering great privation on 26/- per week.

On the brighter side, we welcome to the D.O., Derek Smithson and Vivian Brookes, congratulate Brian Wren on gaining his B.Sc. and also the other apprentices who proved conclusively that, in addition to the practical side, they are the most academically gifted lot in memory.

In conclusion, we should like to express our sympathy and admiration for the prominent member of this firm who risked life and limb in the expeditious discharge of his duty:—

Executive in frantic hurry,
Took the stairs in quite a flurry,
Don't repeat just what he said,
But stairs have since gained retreat.

McKEE IRON AND STEEL DIVISION

Since the last issue of "Wright Ahead" the focal point of interest for McKee Division has moved quite an appreciable distance—in fact, to Aviles in Spain, where work is proceeding on the construction of a complete integrated steelworks of which the Blast Furnace and Ore Preparation Plant forms an appreciable part.

For the duration of this contract, Head Wrightsons' engineers will be working in conjunction with, and sometimes alongside, engineers from Spain, Germany, France and Switzerland, so no little language difficulty is foreseen in the future! !

Whilst work is proceeding in its initial stages at Thornaby, so the Spaniards are working enthusiastically on site preparation for the new plant, this being in two parts.

(1) Dredging for the future harbour and using the reclaimed material to bring an old river bed and marshy valley up to a working level.

(2) The sinking of mass concrete caissons upon which the essential reinforced concrete bases to receive the Head Wrightson plant will ultimately be placed.

It is interesting to record that considerable quantities of high quality reinforced concrete have been produced by the Spaniards and built into a workshops where fabrication of steelwork is to take place and that this concrete has been produced with a minimum of expensive plant and a maximum of unskilled labour. It is understood that the rate of pay per day for the average labourer is from 20—25 pesetas which equals in English money, from 3/6d to 4/6d! !

Several of the staff of McKee Division have already been to Aviles to discuss matters with our clients and have found that the Spaniards are most co-operative and anxious to do anything in their power to help. It is reported that a number of hopeful employees have been observed diligently studying Spanish Dictionaries with avid interest!

In July last a tour of Messrs. John Summers Blast Furnace Plant, organised by the company, was attended by the majority of the staff who greatly appreciated the opportunity of being able to see their "brain child" in operation.

Our congratulations to Betty McClure, Maurice Gordon and Donald Perkins on their respective entry into matrimony, Mr. and Mrs. George Husband, Bill Adams and Reg. Williams on the birth of their second child and Mr and Mrs. Cliff. Jinks on the birth of their first, a daughter, also to the members of the Swimming Team who did so well in the inter-department relay race.

HEAD, WRIGHTSON PROCESSES LIMITED

On the occasion of the Coronation of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II a happy gathering of H.W.P. Staff witnessed the presentation of Souvenir Spoons to employees on behalf of their children, by our Company, Dr. R. L. Fisher, who distributed the spoons, during his address emphasized the "family" spirit of the H.W. organisation on this—and all other occasions.

Our recent business activities include, at the time of writing, the commissioning by our Engineers of the Vacuum Oil Company's Grease Plant, Birkenhead. We are also extremely happy to renew the long-standing association with the Royal Dutch Shell Group, and we are now engaged on the design of a super-fractionating Plant for iso-pentanes, which will be installed at Stanlow Refinery, where we have carried out considerable work in the past.

The year has been a most successful one from the point of view of Cooling Tower construction, and, in particular, we would mention two very substantial orders placed by the Steel Company of Wales, Ltd. We are very pleased that H.W.P. is able to join with other divisions of our Group in providing this important service to the steel industry, and it is significant to note that our greatest success in the U.K. in the Cooling Tower field has been with the iron and steel industries. In addition, we are proud to have produced the first Cooling Tower employing pre-cast, prestressed concrete construction: and from initial reactions, it seems obvious that this Tower will play an important role in industrial cooling in the future.

Particular attention has been paid to the design of special Fin-Fan Air Cooled Heat Exchangers, to be used in conjunction with the large number of Diesel Engines manufactured in Britain, and at the present time we are supplying an increasing number of these units for cooling Diesel Engines which leave Britain to be stationed in the Colonies, the Middle and Far East.

Our activities in the social field have not been very brisk during the holiday period, but we hope to make amends for this by commencing with a Social Evening in the near future. There should be more news to report in this section in the next edition of the News-Letter.

HEAD, WRIGHTSON ALUMINIUM LIMITED**Trip to Aberdeen.**

The trip to Aberdeen, to see the Queen Mother open our Bridge, was enjoyed and very much appreciated by those selected to go. Everything was extremely well organised, even the tips had been taken care of by Head Wrightsons!

Our proudest member must surely be Mr. Albert Harburn, whose privilege it was to be presented to the Queen Mother. Albert, a former pupil of Bailey Street School, Stockton, is a plater in the Alloy Shop. He is aged 27, served his time in the Bridge Yard, and has been with the Company for 12 years.

When asked how he felt on being presented, Albert said, "A bit shaky when the Queen Mother was coming towards me, but it was quite a thrill really!" He said he soon felt quite confident when the Queen Mother spoke to him, and asked what part he played in the construction of the bridge. Albert was impressed, as were most people, by the Queen Mother's charm and pleasant disposition.

A number of the staff had another close up view of the Queen Mother after lunch when she was on her way to another function. All remarked what a gracious lady she is. Incidentally, it is amazing how many people received a **personal** wave from her!

Apparently Her Majesty's presence is accepted by the people of Aberdeen without the boisterous noise which would be accorded in Stockton, but this does not in any way detract from the warm feeling for her. The reason being, of course, that she is a frequent visitor.

There was much talk about the strong beer in the George Hotel, at 2/- per pint; after a drink the Aluminium lads were still standing, while the Bridge Yard staggered, which proves that Aluminium outlasts steel!

On the return journey a well known friend of H.W.A. didn't duck quickly enough, when the train was picking up water, and consequently received, via the window, a deluge down his back! We hope you've dried out Jack! It was pointed out that the locking pin which caused the trouble coming home, couldn't have been a Head Wrightson job, otherwise it would not have cracked! The engine driver shouted for Freddie Goodman, but as usual he had no bolts!

Congratulations Charlie on the birth of your son.

We welcome back Peter Franklin who recently completed his period of National Service with the R.A.F.

Miss Marion Soppet was again successful in the Swimming Gala, winning two events, and coming second in another.

This weeks gardening hint comes from Mr. W. Robertson, who recently had a house built—"Don't bother, it's hard work! !"

MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF GUILD, WITH THEIR WIVES, AT NEASHAM HALL ON THE OCCASION OF THE "AT HOME" WHEN THEY WERE THE GUESTS OF SIR JOHN AND LADY WRIGHTSON.





OPENING OF FIRST ALUMINIUM ALLOY BASCULE BRIDGE IN SCOTLAND

Aberdeen, sometimes known as the "Silver City," presented a very grey appearance on the morning of 30th September, but this could not dampen the spirits of the party of our employees who had travelled overnight to be present at the opening of the new aluminium alloy bridge, and here they are at Thornaby Station.

They, with the Company's guests, waited in the drizzle until the time came for H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, to arrive and it is a remarkable fact that as soon as the official cars of the royal party arrived, the rain stopped.

Sir John Wrightson, Bart., Mr. Frank Walker, Mr. R. Hawkins and Mr. A. Harburn were presented to Her Majesty. On the opposite page is a photograph of Sir John being presented.

Sir John handed over the Bridge to the Lord Provost of Aberdeen with the following speech:—

"This bridge represents a significant step forward for British engineering but for us it is the culmination of almost three years' work. It has become part of us and has

taken a special place in our affections—and the presence of so many of our workpeople here to-day shows their interest in this great occasion.

"We of Head Wrightson's have given of our best in technical skill and in craftsmanship. We proudly hand it over to you, my Lord Provost, for the service of this prosperous, ancient and beautiful city."

After this Sir John had the honour of showing Her Majesty how to operate the lifting mechanism and everyone was thrilled to see the leaves of the bridge open according to plan, and then close for Her Majesty to walk across.

The Queen Mother presented a gracious and lovely picture and gave a particular smile and wave of acknowledgement to our men and, though the whole ceremony was quite short, everyone felt that they had been more than amply repaid for the long journey to and from Aberdeen.

A film was taken showing parts of the Bridge being built and there is included a section covering the actual opening ceremony. We hope to show this to as many as are interested within the next month.



THE FINAL SCENE FROM "QUIET WEDDING."

H.W. DRAMATIC SOCIETY

On Wednesday, 14th October, in Teesdale Hall, the Dramatic Society presented their fourth production, Esther McCracken's domestic comedy "Quiet Wedding." The cast included several newcomers to the society in Enid Moss, Rita Cartwright, Audrey Lancake, Anne Pickering, Jim McCarten and John Lythe, and was completed by Eileen O'Hara, Enid Thurlwell, Beryl Fores-

ter, Annette Griffiths, Sheila Cross, Don Bradley, Albert Patterson and George Heaton. The play was excellently produced and stage managed by Fred Mothersdale and Bob Waller respectively, and was greatly enjoyed by the 700 people who came along to see the show. It is hoped that a further production will be staged in early 1954 when we would like to see the hall filled to capacity—why not visit us for a night's good entertainment?



H.W. PERSONALITIES

MR. FRANK J. WALKER

As this issue is concerned chiefly with the new Aluminium Bridge, at Aberdeen, it is only fitting that our personality should be Mr. Frank J. Walker, who is one of the pioneers in the use of aluminium for bridge building.

Mr. Walker's association with Head Wrightson & Co., Ltd., began in the year 1904 when he joined the firm as a Drawing Office Apprentice under what was then a new scheme for the training of draughtsmen.

He recalls that one of his first jobs was the working out of weights for Mr. W. Scott, estimator, for a Caisson for Malta Dockyard. He also worked on the first orders for Wagon Stampings for Jessops of India.

Sir Thomas Wrightson, was interested in sound waves and required a number of curves of sin and cos to be plotted and traced. Mr. Walker invented a small machine which did this job automatically.

During the 1914—1918 war—Mr. Walker saw service in Gallipoli, France, Greece and Germany, ending at Cologne.

After demobilisation, he commenced work in the design office and recalls jobs connected with Stanton Blast Furnace Plants, Wireless Masts for Rugby, Caissons for Calcutta and Portsmouth, Power station for South Africa (design only)—hydraulic coal hoists for Hull, Lifting bridges for Tea Plantations in Ceylon, similar to Canal Bridges in France and Belgium and which type was also adopted for a bridge in Ireland. (This type of bridge was known as the W.C. bridge).

In 1936, he became Chief Draughtsman at Teesdale and was responsible for the Mohammed Ali Barrage—Gates and Swing Bridges and Floating Caissons for Singapore.

During World War II—Mr. Walker was engaged on drawings for Tank Landing Craft and Pluto Drums.

In 1945 he took out a patent for welded Dock Gates and negotiated the first orders for Gates for Calais with the French Purchasing Commission in London.

In 1946 Mr. Walker began work on Aluminium Research and, at Sir Guy's suggestion, moved to London. Since then he has been concerned with De Havilland Propellor Test Tunnel, the first Aluminium Alloy Bascule Bridge in the world at Hendon Dock, Sunderland and the Aluminium Alloy Bascule Bridge at Victoria Dock, Aberdeen. These bridges have aroused great interest throughout the world and congratulations are due to Mr. Walker for his foresight in opening up this new field.

Mr. Walker remembers that he took a holiday on the S.S. "Teesdale" and was in the English Channel when Bleriot made his first crossing by air. He at one time, too, played cricket for Thornaby II team, and recalls once reaching the final of H.W. Interdepartmental Cricket Competition but never was lucky enough to be one of the winning side.

NATIONAL SERVICE

It has been suggested that we should keep touch with those of our young men who are called to do their National service and "Wright Ahead" would be the best medium to do so.

This notice, therefore, is to invite relatives, friends and workmates of any of our young men away from home to supply the Personnel Department with their full service address so that issues of the magazine can be sent to them.

At the same time, we should welcome letters from these young men so that we can build up a column and include extracts from them.

We want these young men to feel that they are still part of the family so it is up to their friends to help.

SWIMMING

Annual Gala—7th October, 1953.

There was a good attendance at the Annual Swimming Gala at Stockton Swimming Baths.

Our chairman, Mr. Richard Miles, attended with his wife and Mrs. Miles presented the awards to the following successful competitors:—

The Interdepartmental Relay was won by Stockton Forge Bridge Yard 'A', 2nd—Teesdale Bridge Yard, 3rd—McKee Division.

The Apprentice School Champion was H. Ball of White House, 2nd G. Swainston of Red House and 3rd C. Garrett of Yellow House.

Ladies Invitation Handicap—1st M. Soppet, 2nd G. Greenwood, 3rd A. Lacy.

Gents' Invitation Handicap—1st D. Blackburn, 2nd C. Marrison, 3rd C. Ward.

Due to the extra events, it was not possible to hold the water polo match. Thanks are due to Stockton A.S.C. for their kind help and co-operation.

Swimmers are invited to come along to the Stockton Bath on alternative Fridays. Particulars can be obtained from Committee members or from Mr. H. Ayre, Hon. Sec., Fitting Shop, Stockton Forge.

A Bridge that's new, H.W.,
Have built across the Dee,
A Stately Queen at Aberdeen,
Took charge for you and me,
A Royal Job that made hearts throb
Said we to one another,
"Our family stands,
"We're in good hands,
"God Bless our own Queen Mother."

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following members of the Head Wrightson Machine Co.'s staff:—Messrs. H. Bycroft, "Jake" Bartlett, J. R. Robinson and George Begg.

Welcome back to Messrs. F. Skidmore, J. Dunkerley, H. Hawden, Geo. Beckwith, and Mesdames Hunter, McGrath and Latheron.