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### VICE CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

For the past few years it has not been difficult for us to obtain orders. The time, however, has now come when we are entering a Buyers' market and it was for this reason that we summoned a Sales Conference last month of our home and European sales representatives. The result of the Conference was very interesting.

We had reports from the Branch Offices in the United Kingdom and valuable contributions from our representatives in Norway and Belgium. If we are to maintain our position in the Home market, it is certain that our costs must be reviewed and our times of delivery considerably reduced. In Europe, the outlook is even more competitive. We have to face up to the competition of Germany and we can only do this by keeping down our costs of production and quoting quick and reliable times of delivery.

The same information is coming to us from other representatives further afield. From India we hear of the special credit terms that our German competitors have been giving in this valuable market for Head Wrightson equipment. From Argentina and Spain, we hear the same story of keen French as well as German competition.

We have always played an important part in the supply of engineering equipment overseas. Hardly a Country exists to which we have not shipped our specialities and, therefore, the development of our export markets is of prime importance to the future of Head Wrightson.

Our Chairman, Mr. Richard Miles, has just returned from an extensive visit to the Union of South Africa and the new Central African Federation. He spent some

weeks at the works of Wright Boag Head Wrightson at Benoni now employing nearly 1,000 workpeople. He also examined the prospects for Head Wrightson & Co. (South Africa) Pty. in Johannesburg.

We have recently formed Head Wrightson (Australia) Pty. Limited, which is registered in Sydney, N.S.W. This Company will co-operate with Gibson, Battle in Australia in the same way that Head Wrightson South Africa (Pty) Limited co-operates with Wright Boag & Head Wrightson in South Africa.

The opening of our office in Toronto last July, under Mr. E. J. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Gowland, shows our determination to break into this important dollar market. Orders are already beginning to reach us from across the Atlantic which we hope will increase in volume.

At the other side of the World, Mr. V. Pendred is at present engaged in a tour of India and the Federated Malay States, the object of his visit being to establish our Calcutta office under Mr. M. H. Jenks of Messrs. Balmer Lawrie Ltd.

The stage, therefore, is set. Our organisation throughout the world has been greatly strengthened since the end of the war but we must not allow our costs of production to price us out of our traditional markets, nor must we allow lengthy and unreliable times of delivery to lose us work.

**BIRTHS****Stockton Forge.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Neville (D.O.) a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Bradley (G.O.) a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. Tilbury (F.S.) a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. T. Rees (F.S.) a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Skipper (B.Y.) a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. L. Place (B.Y.) a daughter.

**Stockton Steel Foundry.**

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hall — a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartley — a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Christie — a daughter.

**Bridge Yard.**

Mr. and Mrs. R. Burton—a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. B. McCluskey—a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Crawford—a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. M. Newton—a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Mawby—a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson—a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Chambers—a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Allsop—a son.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Tinkler—a son.

**Machine Shop.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. Malloy—a daughter.

**Middlesbrough Machine Company.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Naylor (M/Shop)—a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. F. Fitzgerald (M/Shop)—a daughter.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Barney Longley—a son.

**Teesdale Steel Foundry.**

Mr. and Mrs. R. McDonald (Labs.)—a daughter.

**ENGAGEMENTS****Stockton Forge.**

Mr. W. A. Bowes (F.S.) to Miss Ann Harrington.

**Head, Wrightson Aluminium Limited.**

Mr. Keith Hudson (D.O.) to Miss Doris Thompson.

**Bridge Yard.**

Mr. H. McClure to Miss B. Armstrong.  
 Mr. K. Feasby to Miss B. Thomas.

**Teesdale Steel Foundry.**

Mr. H. Grantham to Miss Maureen Hart (Core Shop).

**FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES****Bridge Yard.**

Miss B. Thurlow to Mr. A. Wilson.

**DEATHS****Stockton Forge.**

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Mr. George Smith, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Smith was foreman of the B.Y. and had served with the firm 43 years.

Mr. H. E. Hornby (Bert) suddenly.

**Head, Wrightson Aluminium Limited.**

We offer our condolences to the relatives of R. Graham.

**DEATHS****Stockton Steel Foundry.**

Mr. Alf. Adams who had been with us for over fifty years.

**Machine Shop.**

Mr. A. E. Fidler, one of our pensioners who was employed for many years in the Machine Shop.

**Bridge Yard.**

Mr. J. Armstrong who was for many years employed as a rivetter in the Bridge Yard and had forty-seven years service with us.

**OBITUARY****Mr. ALFRED ADAMS**

It is impossible to pay an adequate tribute to the memory of Mr. Alfred Adams, who, at the time of his death on 18th February, 1954, had served the company so faithfully and with ability for 51 years, latterly as clerk-in-charge at Stockton Steel Foundry.

He rightly held the respect of the Directors and endeared himself to his colleagues for his qualities of loyalty, cheerfulness and quiet helpfulness, characteristics which never deserted him, even during the trying affliction he suffered over the last few years.

Mr. Adams has left a legacy of goodwill of which not only his widow and family may be justly proud, but for which his many friends — and he had no enemies — will ever respect his memory.

Deepest sympathy is again expressed to Mrs. Adams and her family in their bereavement.

R.N.A.

**SILVER WEDDINGS****Stockton Steel Foundry.**

We offer congratulations to T. Waller (Chargehand Coremaker).

**Middlesbrough Machine Company.**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Curry who celebrated their silver wedding on 20th April. George, who is one of the Middlesbrough erectors is popularly known as P.C. 49.

**MARRIAGES****Stockton Forge.**

Mr. George Sowerby (D.O.) to Miss Nora Shields.  
 Mr. C. Laverick to Miss K. Garnsey.

**Bridge Yard.**

Mr. R. Allison to Miss D. Jackson.  
 Mr. E. Armstrong to Miss I. Marley.  
 Mr. F. McDermot to Miss O. Moody.

**Machine Shop.**

Mr. G. Grant to Miss Agnes Harrison.

**Middlesbrough Machine Company.**

Mr. Ronald Davies to Miss L. M. Harris.  
 Mr. John Gibson to Miss G. M. Walker.

**Teesdale Steel Foundry.**

Miss Winifred Lamb, Steel Casting Office, to Mr. M. Moses.  
 Miss S. Parkinson (Core Shop) to Mr. T. Kiernan.

MR. AND MRS. GRANT



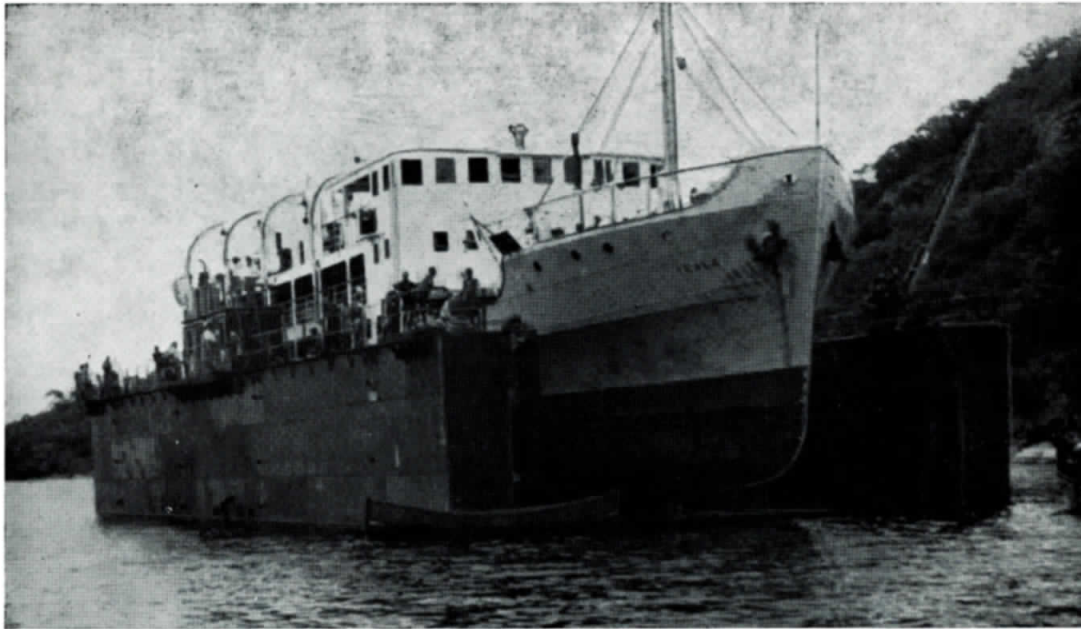
MR. AND MRS. C. LAVERICK



MR. AND MRS. M. MOSES



MR. AND MRS. T. KIERNAN



500 TON FLOATING DOCK—LAKE NYASA

### ENGINEERING DIVISION

Congratulations to all Departments of the Engineering Division on achieving a record output last year. We hope that, with the gradual improvement in supplies, we can beat this record again this year.

"Sidiboy" Hall, of Aberdeen fame, has left for Freetown, Sierra Leone, to supervise the erection of the 500-ton slipway and haulage machinery just completed in the works. Fred Hall, erection fitter of the Machine Shop, has already gone out there on the same job.

This gear is to haul vessels, of up to 500 tons light displacement, clear of the water. The slipway track is 520 ft. long and the vessels are pulled up this track to the height necessary to effect repairs. The cradle on which the vessels are carried is in three sections and is 115 ft. long. When the cradles are carrying a full load they are hauled up the slipway at 10 ft. a minute. The description makes the job seem simple but as a result of the Division's enterprise Dry Dock facilities are now available in an area where none existed.

#### 500 ton Floating Dock for Lake Nyasa.

Our photograph shows another of our contracts which has been successfully completed. It is a 500 ton Floating Dock for the Nyasaland Railways and it is to service all the vessels trading on Lake Nyasa. The photograph shows the dock under trial, having lifted their newest and largest vessel of 450 tons displacement weight.

The dock was erected in our shops and then dismantled for shipment.

To facilitate the transportation of the material inland to the lake, all fabricated sections had to weigh less than 5 tons.

One of the Consulting Engineers has recently returned from a visit to Nyasaland and reports as follows: "I made a personal inspection of the dock and discussed it with workmen and staff at all levels. From every source, I received nothing but praise for the dock and I, personally, was very impressed."

Bon voyage to Mr. R. H. Sturges, our General Manager, who is leaving for an eight weeks' visit to Canada and America. We trust that his visit will be enjoyable and look forward to his safe return.

### BRIDGE YARD

A very pleasant ceremony was held in the Bridge Yard Works Office on Friday, 12th February when Mr. J. Shaw, on behalf of the Staff and workmen, presented a

wristlet watch to Mr. Stan Riddy who has left us to take up an appointment with another Company. Stan., who was a popular member of the Bridge Yard staff, had been with us for twenty-seven years, and there was sincere regret that he was leaving us. He was always keenly interested in the Division's activities and was, at one time, Secretary of Head, Wrightson's Football Club and was one of the pioneer bandsmen in the works band.

### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. G. Burton, has been elected President of Thornaby Cricket Club.

The Department sends best wishes to Mr. C. Manton, who is leaving shortly for a six months' trip to America.

### STEEL FOUNDRIES

#### Teesdale.

We welcome back after a long absence due to an accident, Mr. T. Isadore, we trust he will have better luck in the future.

We extend our good wishes to Mr. K. Dawson who has gone to complete his National Service. We trust he will find his experiences enjoyable and that he will keep us informed of his progress.

#### Football.

Several of our colleagues are members of the Stockton Amateur Football Club and others are officials. They are still doing well in the Durham Amateur cup and we hope that they may be successful.

#### Stockton Steel.

##### Annual Staff Dinner.

The evening of 21st December, 1953 saw our staff meet at the Metropole Hotel for the Annual Dinner, a most enjoyable meal, well served. Once again we were able to have our Director Guests with us, Messrs. J. E. Mercer, Mr. J. G. Allen and Mr. Frank Shepherd, J.P. Each of them said a few words before the Entertainments began. Mr. Walter Bartaby acted as Comper and provided a most enjoyable programme.

#### New Councillor.

Congratulations to David Evans, one of our Moulders, who has been elected to Stockton Town Council. We wish him every success and trust that his deliberations will be wise and fit him for long service. He sets up a new line for us—we have never before had a Councillor on the Division's books—he must feel proud of this

honour. David has also been elected as the Division's representative on H.W. Employees' Council. We applaud his willingness to serve his fellow men.

#### Staff Outing.

Our Annual Summer Outing took the form of a very pleasant drive through parts of Cleveland and the Esk Valley. It was a delightful day made up of visits to points of interest, not forgetting the required refreshment, an essential part of the trip. Our last Port of call, "The Crown Hotel," Whitby, saw us partake of a first class Dinner, well up to the "Crown" standard, they certainly know how to provide for a Body of Men.

The gathering of the "Clan" for the return journey was a rather difficult task and we finally made a start for home about 10-30 p.m. Thus ended another delightful outing.

We welcome back from the forces, B. Wright (Moulder).

#### Retirement.

We offer best wishes for a long and happy retirement to R. Green (Stores Attendant).

#### "On Sick."

We wish a speedy recovery to Messrs. Clarkson, Woodhouse, Junior, and Farthing—all moulders, T. O'Brien (Dresser) and J. Brown, Melting Plant.

We welcome back E. Lyons after a long illness.

### EGGLESCLIFFE FOUNDRY

We wish a speedy return to work to the following who are all on the sick list: Messrs. A. Wilson, W. Watson and R. Hopper, and welcome back Mr. Tom Maine, chargehand, who is back at work after a long absence.

### MIDDLESBROUGH MACHINE COMPANY

Congratulations to:

Mr. Stan Jackson, Inspection Dept., on securing a seat on Richmond Town Council.

Miss Doris Blows (Cost Dept.) on attaining her majority. (12th February, 1954).

We welcome back after sickness Messrs. H. Bycroft, M. Flanigan, R. Clay and wish a speedy recovery to Messrs. Jake Bartlett, Begg, Bastiman, R. C. Bell, Harold Taylor, N. Yafano and Mrs. Betty Langford, also Messrs. Tom Harker and Eddie Sturt.

### HEAD WRIGHTSON ALUMINIUM LIMITED

We wish every happiness to Harry Lester (Alloy Shop) and Miss Joyce Atkinson; and Miss Ruth Hall and Robert Atkinson, in their forthcoming marriages.

We sincerely hope that George Mellanby will have a long and happy retirement.

The photograph below shows a H.W.A. all welded aluminium alloy Portal Frame building, which is an extension to the Employment Division offices of Ferodo Limited. The structure has a cantilever canopy and is to be erected on top of the existing building. This is the first all welded aluminium alloy building to be made, and was welded by the "Argonaut" process.

#### "If the Cap Fits."

Have you noticed how often people enter your office and leave the door wide open, thus letting in an icy draught, and if by some strange chance they happen to close it, the windows almost crack with the vibration from the bang!

There is the thoughtful person who shouts down your ear right in the middle of adding a long column of figures, and the person who emptied the stapling machine just couldn't refill it! The dwindling stock of paper finally vanishes and is not replaced until you want some, and why is it that when you want some blotting paper none is left? When you have a splitting headache in comes the life and soul of the party to cheer you up.

How often have you telephoned mysterious voices, and only after bullying extracted their identity?

We can't all be perfect but we can be considerate towards other people!

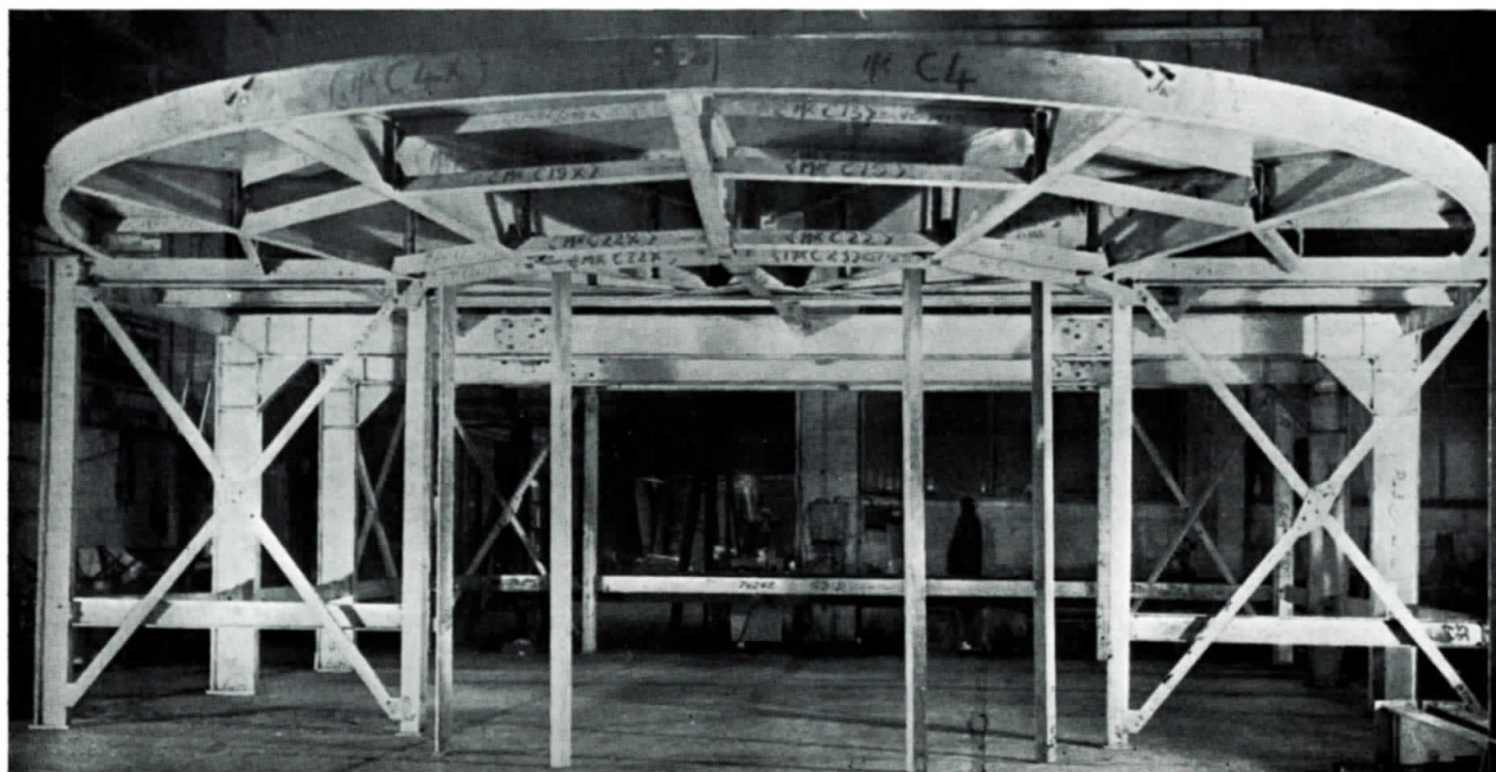
### SENIOR STAFF GUILD

A very successful "Any Questions" was held at 7-45 p.m. on Thursday, 28th January, in the Apprentice School Lecture Room.

The Chairman was Mr. A. T. McAllister, and the team comprised:—

Dr. Irving, Capt. Mudford R.N. (Ret'd.), F. Burr J.P., and Mr. T. Stake J.P. (Evening Gazette). The excellent questions covered a wide range of subjects, including sport and travel, and were extremely well answered.

The "Any Questions" finished at 9-30 p.m. when refreshments were served to about 120 members and friends who attended.



PORTAL FRAME BUILDING IN ALUMINIUM

### STOCKTON FORGE

Since the last issue of "Wright Ahead," the Forge D.O. has been sadly depleted in numbers. This is due to ten members of the D.O. Staff being moved to Teesdale to form a new Colliery Equipment Division. We from the Forge wish them "all the best," in their new venture.

The various healthy and muscular specimens of manhood which one now encounters at the Forge are the products of the recently formed "Forge Weight-lifting and P.T. Club." This club meets most evenings of the week, straight from work, in the printing room, and some very strenuous but enjoyable "workouts" are held. We have as yet no budding "Mr. Britains," but have hopes for the future. The general conversation in the office and works now seems to be pectorals and not popsies, deltoids and not dames, biceps instead of beer. Oh! my aching back!!

Since Peter Moreton of the Electricians Department has blossomed out as a Magician, and become a member of the Society with Albert Allen and Albert Chapman of the Middlesbrough Electricians' Department, we began to assume that magic was performed by pressing electric buttons, until we made enquiries and have since found that Teesdale have no electricians who are also Magicians.

### PUZZLE CORNER

1. A gardener was given ten (10) trees and told to plant them in five (5) rows and to put four (4) trees in each row. After some time he managed to do this. Can you discover how he did it?
2. A Bible character without a name,  
Who never to corruption came,  
Who died a death none ever died before  
Who's shroud forms part of every household store.  
Who was it?
3. A man is given two candles and is assured that although they are exactly the same length one will burn for three hours the other for four hours. He lit them both at the same time, after a period of time he puts them both out again, he then notices that one candle is twelve times as long as the other one. How long had they been burning?
4. Who is the most photographed person, Queen Elizabeth II, Marilyn Monroe, or the Mayor of Thornaby? —Answers next issue.

### Retirement.

Mr. H. Sowerby and Mr. R. Jackson both with 40 years service. We wish them a happy retirement.

We all wish a speedy recovery for Messrs. J. Connelly, P. Hudson, H. Jackson, E. Malcolm, M. Hargan, J. Hornby, H. Hobday and H. Abel.

### COLLIERY EQUIPMENT DIVISION

On 1st February, 1954, another new division of Head, Wrightson—the Colliery Equipment Division, came into being.

This division, with Mr. H. Cussons as General Manager, is housed in Whitwell's offices and will deal principally with Coal Preparation Plants, Skip Winding Installations and major reorganisation schemes. It will be complementary to Stockton Forge which will continue to manufacture the special items of plant and equipment for collieries as previously.

There is no doubt that several members of the Drawing Office Staff left the Forge offices, where they had worked for many years, with mixed feelings, wondering what it would be like to work in such foreign parts as Yorkshire. However, after a little sorting out and arranging on the first Monday morning in their new home, everyone quickly settled down and "The Division" went into operation.

On Thursday evening, 4th February, the Staff of the McKee Iron and Steel Division entertained the Staff of

the new division to dinner and "a jar" in the staff canteen. Mr. Stayman gave the guests an informal welcome and Mr. Cussons replied suitably—the idea being an informal get-together so that the members of both divisions could get to know each other as it is quite likely these two divisions will co-operate from time to time. After "Sinking" one or two it appeared that the two staffs were long lost brothers and the friendly atmosphere which was present throughout the whole evening swept away any doubts in the minds of the newcomers to Thornaby—they were and are part of the Head, Wrightson family and although friendly competition exists between all members, they can always pull together for "The Firm."

To the McKee Iron and Steel Division, the Colliery Equipment Division would like to say "Thanks for the Welcome."

### HEAD, WRIGHTSON PROCESSES LTD.

Our annual Christmas Dance was held at the Finsbury Town Hall on Friday, 18th December, dancing to the music of Bert Osborne and his orchestra. Despite an unpleasant London "Pea-souper" a goodly proportion braved the elements to spend a most enjoyable evening in a festive atmosphere, which dispelled all thoughts of fog.

Dr. R. C. Fisher in a short and enlivening speech reviewed H.W.P. activities during the year 1953, and welcomed our guests, who included Messrs. Frank Shepherd, R. H. Sturges, W. M. Jebson and R. Purnell, representing the Parent Company; Mr. W. Kaufmann from our business associates, Ernst Kirchner, Hamburg, and Mr. van Eysbergen from B.P.M., The Hague. Mr. Frank Shepherd replied to the welcome in his own inimitable style greatly to the pleasure of all present.

Entertainments were provided by a Floor Show of novelty dancing by Barry Manning, who appeared somewhat late in the evening due to a previous engagement at the Dorchester Hotel. We had, of course, our own novelty dancing, not to mention the usual bar dances. The evening concluded all too soon and was generally voted a big success.

Our Social Club has arranged for periodical social evenings, which so far, have been well attended and enjoyed.

Mr. A. D. Davidson, our Commercial Manager, left H.W.P. at the end of December after many years association with us, to take up another appointment. The occasion was marked by the presentation of a handsome cigarette case, and suitable speeches. Our loss, somebody else's gain.

The new Cooling Tower employing precast, prestressed concrete structure which we mentioned in the November issue of "Wright Ahead" will shortly make its debut in the world of industrial cooling when the order for the British Celanese Co., is completed. Further orders have now been received for Towers of this type of construction from the Steel Co. of Wales and I.C.I. In this connection it is significant that I.C.I. normally design their own type of Tower.

An intensive sales campaign has been rewarded by a considerable number of orders for Fluor Pulsation Dampeners. These Dampeners are designed to smooth out pulsations in compressor piping systems, and thus to eliminate damage to piping, coolers, heat exchangers, processing equipment and to buildings. Much interest, too, has been shown recently in our Fin-Fan Air Cooled Heat Exchangers, and an enquiry has been received from the Continent for a large number of these exchangers.

In conjunction with the Parent Company we are preparing a new brochure on Heat Exchangers which, when completed and together with a vigorous campaign, we hope will result in increased business to the H.W. & Co., group.



### McKEE IRON AND STEEL DIVISION

On the occasion of the Barcelona Fair held in June last year, a group of British Engineers decided to stage a British Pavilion.

In this connection some of H.W. & Co's Spanish friends enquired if it would be possible to arrange a stand and it was agreed that we should provide a model of the Ensidesa Ore Handling and Blast Furnace Plant, together with several large photographs of the complete John Summers plant.

A model was made by Mr. H. Clarkson of York for exhibition at this fair and the H.W. & Co. stand was visited by Senor Arburua, Spanish Minister for Commerce

and Mr. H. C. McClland, British Consul General in Barcelona.

A photograph of the model is shown above and although during the return journey to this country it suffered a little damage, it is being repaired and we hope to be able to exhibit it here shortly.

Mr. L. Marshall has been transferred from this Division to be Commercial Manager of the newly formed Colliery Equipment Division and we wish him every success in this sphere. The launching of the new venture was marked by a get together evening between the two Divisions which we hope will have fruitful results.

Who is the McKee Division Engineer who received a post card from Madrid addressed "El Toro——?"



### H.W. DRAMATIC SOCIETY

In presenting Margaret Macnamara's play "I Have Five Daughters" on Wednesday, 3rd March and the following two nights, our Society has proved its ability to handle productions outside of the normal run. This is certainly the most difficult that they have tackled to date and all are to be congratulated. The cast included: Beryl Forrester, Annette Griffiths, Audrey Langcake, Rita Husband, Anne Pickering, Eileen O'Hara, Dorothy Borrett, Margaret Kerr, John Lythe, George Heaton, Jim McCarten, Albert Patterson, Enid Thurlwell and Sheila Cross and the producer was Reg. Williams. Special mention should be made of the new Stage Manager, Mr. George Wilkes and his assistant, Mr. Barry

Curson, for providing a really beautiful period setting. We trust their interest in this art will continue. The further versatility of the society's members was shown when Sheila Cross took over the last two weeks' of producing in the absence of Reg. Williams on business. Sheila is one of the keenest members and the cast are very much indebted to her for her timely help.

Unfortunately, our Salon Orchestra was engaged elsewhere and we are grateful to Margaret Smithem for providing the incidental music at the piano.

Our photograph shows the whole of the cast and those others who worked so hard to ensure the play's success. For those of our organisation who have, as yet not seen any of the Society's productions, I would again invite them to come along and see the next show.



### H.W. PERSONALITIES

MR. J. O. ADDISON

Machine Shop, Teesdale

Mr. J. O. Addison, whose picture we show above, is one of our best known employees—at least to Teesdale folk.

He has worked with the company for the past forty-six years and his father too, worked here for fifty years.

"Dick" as he is known to most of us, started as an Apprentice Fitter in 1907 and went to night school in the old Bridge Yard Canteen. He recalls that all apprentices who had 80% attendance at night class, got an afternoon's outing to Neasham Hall as the guest of Sir Thomas Wrightson. At one of these outings, a football match was played between the Machine Shop and the Bridge Yard, and Lady Gwendolin Wrightson (then Mr. Guy's fiancée) kicked off.

In spite of his good attendance at night class, Mr. Addison seems to have had the usual amount of mischievousness present in most boys' make-up—for he remembers being sent home on no less than five occasions. He believes this to be a record—though one he would not care to boast about.

Mr. Addison recalls with pride the many interesting jobs which have gone through the shop during his working years—the Coal Chutes for Yokohama—whose progress was anxiously watched by the Japanese customers attired in top hats, striped trousers and spats. He recalls too, the Immingham Dock Gates, Dover Lighthouse, a train ferry for Ceylon—Waterloo station castings etc., a 30 ton Talbot Tilting Furnace and several lifting bridges.

He served for four years in the territorial army (5th D.L.I.) and then had four years' war service (1914-1918) with the Royal Field Artillery. He was wounded in 1916 and spent the last two years and two months at the R.F.A. Cadet School at Brighton.

Mr. Addison played football for Head Wrightsons' team and was a member of the team which won the club's first honour—Stockton & District League 1922—1923. He was also one of the pioneer members of the Cricket Team and helped to lay the first cricket pitch where the present Bowling Green is now. Mr. Addison is the type of batsman who liked to have a go. Playing against Wolviston in the Cleveland 'B' League, he hit three sixes in succession, lost the ball each time and thus played with four balls in one over.

Whilst he was an apprentice Mr. Addison took up professional running and kept it up for a number of years after the war. He was a local Football Referee for about fourteen years.

He says that when he was running professionally he could do the 100 yds. in 11 secs., he can still do the 100 but says it takes him nearer 11 minutes.

We wish Mr. Addison many more years of continued good health and happiness with Head Wrightsons'.

### HEAD WRIGHTSON WORKS BAND

In the Durham Brass Band grading contest held at Spennymoor on Sunday, 14th February, the "Band," under its conductor, Mr. C. Midgely, was successful in gaining first prize in the 'C' Section, the National Coal Board Challenge Cup and £18. They thus gained promotion to 'B' Section. Readers will remember that last year the Band were the winners of 'D' section. We trust that next year will see them in 'A' Section.

### NATIONAL SERVICE

In the last issue I appealed to relatives, friends and workmates of any young men away from home doing their national service, to supply the Personnel Department with their addresses so that the magazine could be sent to them and also for any information which would be of interest to our readers.

I am surprised to find that there has been practically no response and I would again ask those interested to get in touch with the Personnel Department with information so that contact can be maintained with our young men.

### CHAIRMAN'S RETURN

We are happy to welcome back on 1st March, our Chairman, Mr. Richard Miles and Mrs. Miles, from their visit to our South African Works. I am sure that Mr. Miles will make special reference to this in our next issue of "Wright Ahead."

### INFORMATION FOR "WRIGHT AHEAD"

Some of our branches and Divisions seem to have little news to report. The Editor is anxious that our journal should contain items of interest from all members of our organisation.

He is sure that all our readers would be interested to have news from our people overseas — particularly from our newest outposts in Canada and Australia.