

# MANWEB GAZETTE

Welcome to the following employees:

**Head Office:** Miss M. A. Gething (Drawing Office assistant), Mrs. S. Hughes (temp. clerk/typist), Miss S. Keenan (machine operator), Miss R. E. Knipe (shorthand typist), Miss T. May (typist) and Mr. F. J. Ryan (records draughtsman).

**Area 1 Office:** Miss D. Dodd (clerk), Miss P. A. Fellowes (typist), Miss M. P. Harper (clerk), Miss B. Lever (shorthand typist), Miss M. McMahon (clerk), Miss I. Pick (machine operator), Miss B. Smith (clerk), Miss P. A. Strong (machine operator) and Mrs. M. M. Yates (clerk). Messrs. B. Boyle and T. Burke (messengers), C. A. Davies (telephone operator), D. K. Gowlan and F. Graves (messengers), K. F. Middleton (joiner), F. Robinson (messenger), G. W. Robinson (storekeeper), C. B. Tuthill (clerk) and R. Woods (labourer). *Central District:* Mrs. K. M. Blackley (Service Centre assistant). Messrs. W. J. Boyd (labourer), J. G. Burns (gatekeeper), P. J. Burns (labourer), M. A. Maher (temp. clerk) and J. Wilson (labourer). *North District:* Mr. G. A. Palmer (labourer). *South District:* Messrs. F. A. Culley, J. Dobson, F. Doyle, J. Egan, W. Hennessey, G. Robinson, R. Rogers and V. R. Vinall (labourers). *Southport District:* Miss G. B. Hornby (shorthand typist, supervisor). Messrs. W. Irwin (labourer), K. R. Jones (Service Centre assistant), R. Newsham (electrician), R. W. Thompson (electrician) and D. D. Williams (clerk).

**Area 2/3 Office:** Mrs. E. Cooper (cleaner), Mrs. V. K. Elliot (machine operator), Miss P. Garner (shorthand typist), Mrs. S. B. James (machine operator), Mrs. R. A. Kynoch (clerk), Mrs. M. A. Powell (machine operator), Mrs. J. A. Roberts and Mr. A. T. Williams (clerks). *St. Helens District:* Mr. J. R. Acklam (1st assistant District Engineer). *Warrington District:* Miss M. E. Howard (shorthand typist). *Runcorn District:* Mrs. I. Cank (shorthand typist) and Mr. D. Randles (labourer). *Northwich District:* Messrs. E. Bellis, W. Goadby, R. A. Lockett and A. Williamson (labourers). *Chester District:* Miss E. G. Roberts (shorthand typist). Messrs. R. Brown (public lighting attendant), R. Lightfoot and K. A. McGhie (junior labourers). *North Wirral District:* Miss L. M. Boylan (clerk), Mrs. M. Coughlin (cleaner) and Miss M. M. Reid (Drawing Office assistant). Messrs. L. Brown, F. Butler, A. E. Coulson, D. Jones, C. K. T. Kelly, K. S. Lloyd and W. H. Woods (labourers).

**Area 4 Office:** Miss J. C. Cartwright (junior clerk), Mrs. N. Hughes (clerk), Miss P. A. Hughes (machine operator), Miss E. B. Rogers (clerk) and Mrs. A. Williamson (clerk). Messrs. J. P. Davies (clerk), G. W. Jones (senior assistant, Costs) and E. N. Lawrence (clerk). *Crewe District:* Miss I. Isherwood (shorthand typist, Nantwich) and Messrs. D. J. Edwards (labourer) and S. Huber (labourer). *Wrexham District:* Mr. R. E. Skinner (electrician, Shotton). *Clwyd District:* Miss D. M. Evans (trainee demonstrator, Rhuddlan) and Mr. P. G. Morton (senior Service Centre assistant, Ruthin). *Conway Valley District:* Miss J. M. Rawlins (clerk). *Aberystwyth District:* Miss E. M. Davies (clerk), Messrs. D. G. Barlow (assistant consumers' eng, Machynlleth) and D. A. Galbraith (clerk).

Congratulations to the following employees on their promotions:

**Area 1 Office:** Messrs. W. R. Bennett and Mr. Birchall (meter readers), J. Calvert (foreman meter reader/collector), G. Carr and J. Colbenson (meter readers), D. M. Evans (records draughtsman), E. Greenwood (meter reader), G. Harrison (assistant, Stationery), J. Hignett, J. Kelly (meter readers), K. Kendall (chargehand meter reader/collector), J. Kendrick, G. Martin, R. Porter and G. Roughley (meter readers) and T. Shaw (chargehand meter reader/collector). *North District:* Mr. B. Grundy (meter reader). *South District:* Miss M. Cumberbatch (demonstrator). *Southport District:* Messrs. F. O. Adamson (joiner's mate), D. C. Biggs (records draughtsman), N. Hart and P. Swann (joiner's mates).

**Area 2/3. St. Helens District:** Messrs. K. W. Davies (assistant section engineer), E. Frodsham (fitter's mate) and W. L. Whittle (storekeeper's assistant). *Warrington District:* Messrs. P. Roylance (electrician) and I. Waller (storekeeper's assistant). *North Wirral District:* Messrs. G. L. Bowen (general building foreman), M. B. Griffiths and A. Palombella (senior Service Centre assistants) and E. C. Wycherley (joiner's mate).

**Area 4 Office:** Miss A. L. Jones (machine operator). Messrs. N. E. Fussell (assistant Costs), R. K. Roberts (records draughtsman) and R. Tietzsch-Tyler (3rd assistant engineer, Construction). *Crewe District:* Messrs. T. E. Johnston, G. Rowley and H. Worsley (joiner's mates). *Anglesey District:* Mr. J. Parry (1st assistant District Engineer).

Farewell to the following employees who have now left the service of the Board.

**Head Office:** Mr. A. W. Hughes (assistant, Internal Audit).

**Area 1 Office:** Mr. H. Robinson (senior assistant Costs). *Central District:* Messrs. R. Eddowes (e.h.t. joiner) and R. Lucas (fitter's mate). *North District:* Messrs. E. Cox (electrician), E. Holmes (joiner's mate) and F. Kane (labourer). *South District:* Mr. C. P. Thompson (assistant installation inspection engineer).

**Area 2/3. St. Helens District:** Mr. H. L. Greer (1st assistant District Engineer). *Runcorn District:* Mr. J. W. Percival (labourer). *Northwich District:* Mr. L. A. Meakin (labourer).

**Area 4 Office:** Messrs. D. P. Roberts (linesman) and H. A. Thompson (3rd assistant engineer, Construction). *Clwyd District:* Mr. J. M. Richards (linesman, Rhuddlan). *Caernarvon District:* Mr. H. M. Owen (electrician, Bangor).

## OBITUARY

We regret to record the deaths of Mr. J. McManus, a watchman at Area 1; Mr. G. L. Norris, a mate at the Lister Drive workshops; Mr. A. E. Chadwick, a chargehand electrician at Rhuddlan.

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## WEDDINGS

### MURRAY—YARWOOD

Best wishes for the future to Mr. R. Murray, a jointer's mate at Nantwich and Miss Christine Yarwood of Crewe who were married a short time ago at Hightown Congregational Church, Crewe. On behalf of his friends and colleagues in the District, Mr. Murray, was presented with wedding gifts of an infra-red heater and a pan.

### WILBURN—LEICESTER

Congratulations to Mr. E. E. Wilburn, a relief jointer's mate at St. Helens on his recent marriage to Miss Carol Ann Leicester.

Some of the members of the Head Office Sports and Social Club who recently enjoyed a bowling evening with their friends in Liverpool.



## OUR COVER PICTURE

Happy smiles of success showing on the faces of our Chester Ladies' team as they walk off with the Florence Nightingale Statuette after winning their section of the Electricity Supply Ambulance Centre's 17th National Competition in First-Aid held a few weeks ago in London. This was the final in a series of 12 eliminating competitions throughout the country in which 155 teams took part.

Next November, the Chester Ladies go forward as representatives of the Electricity Industry to compete in the Grand Prior's Competition when they will test their skills against top teams from all the other major nationalised industries and public services for the most coveted of all trophies in the first-aid world.

Our picture shows the winning team, *from left to right: Miss Betty Jackson (reserve), Miss Sybil Timmins, Mrs. Sybil Cooper (captain, holding the Statuette), Miss Margaret Jones and Miss June Hudspith.*

Good Luck in November ladies, from us all.

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## EDITORIAL

### A Stitch in Time

**N**OT everyone who ventures into the world of bandages, splints and pressure points expects to feature in a National First Aid Competition, or to gain the honours achieved by our Chester Ladies' team, as reported in this number of *Contact*. Perhaps this is as well. After all, competitions are not the main object of the exercise.

Very few people go through life without sooner or later running into an emergency where training in First Aid can mean the difference between a life saved or lost. Every road accident has its ring of helpless and incompetent spectators who breathe a combined sigh of relief when someone who obviously knows what he is doing steps forward. Every day at the seaside could bring the moment when a three-quarters drowned swimmer may be dragged on to the beach. The next few minutes are vital. Not all the medical skill in the world can achieve anything if the patient's lifeblood has already poured into the gutter. That apparently lifeless corpse on the beach can be dragged back from the edge of the grave if the waterlogged lungs are pumped dry quickly enough.

It is no exaggeration to say that it is everybody's duty to acquire a knowledge of First Aid. Today you may have the chance to save a stranger's life. Tomorrow your own may hang on the same thread. Are you equipped to meet the test?

Get snapping . . . for the  
**'CONTACT' ANNUAL  
PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**  
VALUABLE PRIZES TO BE WON

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Class 3 Winner. Liverpool Road, Birkdale. Repeating last year's success, this very neat and attractive display proved to be a worthy winner.

## Window Display Competition

Unfortunately we were unable to get a suitable photograph of the winning window in Class 1, in busy Whitechapel, Liverpool, because of difficulties with reflections.

"IN every case, the MANWEB Service Centre windows were the most outstanding in the street."

This was the verdict of the judges in the Window Display Competition which this year was held in conjunction with the Board's 'Hidden Value' campaign. They had the difficult task of deciding which three windows from over 70 entered, fully achieved the object of arresting attention and then persuading the customer to go inside the Service Centre to make further enquiries.

The few windows which we saw in our travels were very attractive and eye-catching with their orange and pink colour scheme and the gleaming electrical appliances neatly arranged. Like the judges, we too noticed that excellent use had been made of the basic kit provided by the Board's Central Display department.

The winning window in Class 1, Whitechapel Service Centre, was neat and tidy, well balanced and exploited the Hidden Value angle by the use of a veil which gave the effect of partially concealing the appliances on display.

In addition to the three winners, other Service Centres having very commendable and exciting windows were—*strictly in alphabetical order!*—Birkenhead, Corwen, Frodsham, Huyton, Middlewich, Pwllheli, Rhyl and Welshpool.



Class 2 Winner. Pool Street, Caernarvon. Once again this Service Centre took this award, just as they did last year. No distracting gimmicks but quietly fulfilling the primary purpose.

A few minutes break from their studies while our cameraman gets his picture of, from left to right: Miss J. Wainman (Wallasey), Mr. J. R. Rawlings (Southport), Miss S. Kinder (Birkenhead), Messrs. D. J. Taylor (Liverpool South), K. A. Leonard (Liverpool North), E. J. Barker (Liverpool Central) and R. Ellis (Liverpool North). Standing behind them is Mr. D. Smith (senior assistant, Sales).



Calling in at the Sales Training School recently, our photographer met these junior trainee Service Centre assistants as they were completing the third week of a five-week course. All these young people, just starting on their careers, spend the first twelve months with the Board studying the workings of the various departments which will eventually have some bearing on their work in the Service Centres.

## Sales Training at Wallasey

Another group of newcomers to the sales team who began the first of their four-week course at the Training Centre a short time ago. During their visits to Wallasey they will learn about the various electrical appliances and will gain a working knowledge of the duties of a Service Centre assistant. They will also be groomed in the gentle art of selling.

Smiles from the sales staff. Left to right, standing: Mr. E. D. Jones (Aberystwyth), Mrs. J. M. Powell (Northwich), Mr. J. Rigby (Head Office), Miss L. Gore (Kirkby), Mr. P. L. Wade (Head Office) and Mrs. P. A. Tea (Ellesmere Port). Seated: Mrs. A. Thorne (St. Helens), Mrs. R. A. Davies (Flint) and Mrs. H. A. L. Birtwell (Shotton).





Mr. J. Kellett (formerly Manager Area 2/3), who presented the prizes to the winners of the competitions, discusses the scoring system with one of the judges, Mr. M. Thomas (Principal Assistant, Accounts), while the other two judges, Miss R. V. Mooney (assistant, typing supervisor) and Mr. R. E. Halliwell (Electricity Council, Eda Division) compare notes.



## Eda Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to the winner. *Left to right:* Mr. C. J. Kinrade (Liverpool North) runner-up, Mr. J. Maddox (Northwich), the winner, and Mr. N. S. Doughty (Head Office) who came third.



◀ Better luck next time. The five young men who didn't quite make it pose for a picture with Mr. T. R. Smith (Assistant Chief Commercial Officer). *Left to right, back row:* Messrs. M. H. Cooper (North Wirral), D. Wilcox (Warrington) and A. F. Standing (Warrington). *Front row:* Messrs. R. Hardwick (North Wirral), T. R. Smith and D. M. Drury (Liverpool North).



◀ Smiles of relief from the ladies after their ten-minute talks. *Left to right, back row:* Miss J. Devlin (Liverpool Central), Miss S. K. Roycroft (North Wirral), Miss L. G. Cottrell (St. Helens), Miss A. Semple (Liverpool Central), Miss A. G. Charters (North Wirral) and Miss M. Cumberbatch (Liverpool Central). *Front row:* Miss D. J. Booth (Warrington) who was third, Mrs. W. Parry (St. Helens) the winner and Miss G. A. Richards (Warrington) who was the runner-up.



Some of the delegates who went to Trawsfynydd power station to take part in this year's Conference for employees in our Clwyd and Conway Valley Districts.

## Successful Conference

Report by Mr. Leonard Hughes  
(\*Contact\* Correspondent, Conway Valley)

The Sub-Committee appointed from Nos. 14 and 15 Local Advisory Committee to organise the 1966 Employee's Conference certainly backed a winner when they decided to revive the flagging interest in such Conferences by holding the 1966 Conference at the Trawsfynydd Nuclear Power Station.

After an extremely enjoyable drive in bright morning sunshine through the Lledr Valley, and over the Crimea, we arrived at the Trawsfynydd Power Station just before ten o'clock, where we were welcomed by the Station staff, and immediately served with coffee.

### New Venue

On assembling in the spacious, light and tastefully decorated canteen, Mr. A. W. Hawley (District Manager, Conway Valley) pointed out that this was the first occasion on which this particular type of Conference had been held outside the areas covered by the Conway Valley and Clwyd Districts. He said he thought we would all appreciate the opportunity of spending the day with our colleagues of the C.E.G.B., and thanked Mr. H. G. R. Jones, the Station Superintendent, for his willing hospitality and also the Trawsfynydd L.A.C. members, almost all of whom volunteered and acted as guides, augmenting the station staff on normal duty. Mr. Jones then gave an extremely interesting and

informative description of the Trawsfynydd Nuclear Power Station, after which we were taken on a conducted tour of the station.

Following an excellent lunch at Harlech, we returned to the power station and re-assembled in the canteen to hear Mr. S. Wilson, Vice-Chairman of No. 9 D.J.A.C. give an interesting talk entitled "Security".

### Question Time

Under the very able Chairmanship of Mr. A. W. Hawley, the Open Forum Panel comprised of Mr. S. Wilson, Mr. H. G. R. Jones Mr. F. J. Brown (Chief Engineer), Mr. K. Helliwell (Manager, Area 4), Mr. A. Kidd (Secretary, Area 4) and Mr. L. V. Taylor (District Manager, Clwyd). A more than usual number of questions, both oral and written were submitted, all answered with frankness, so that at the end of the session, one felt that whilst the Management team were a little wiser concerning the problems worrying the employees, we, in our turn, were a littler wiser concerning the problems worrying the Management which after all, was one of the objects of the exercise.

After a buffet tea, we made our way to the waiting coaches, and travelled home in the fading light of a spring day, with everyone agreeing that the day had been interesting, instructive, and altogether enjoyable.





At the St. Helens District Employees Meeting. *Left to right:* Messrs. F. I. Watkin, H. C. Barr (District Engineer), D. G. Dodds (Chairman), H. R. Johnson (District Commercial Engineer), J. W. Trimble (Manager Area 2/3), G. E. H. Wheeler (District Senior Clerk) and J. Fenney (Vice-Chairman, L.A.C.).

## St. Helens . . .

St. Helens District staff held their Annual Meeting in March when 80 employees enjoyed an excellent Hot-Pot meal before settling down to listen to the speakers for the evening.

Mr. J. W. Trimble (Manager, Area 2/3) began by suggesting that the Employees Meetings should be held as soon as possible after the completion of the Board's financial year, or soon after the annual figures were known. He thanked the members of the Local Advisory Committee for the work done during the year and he praised all members of the District for their individual and collective efforts.

The next speaker was Mr. D. G. Dodds (Chairman) who opened by telling his audience that as far as the distribution of electricity was concerned, MANWEB consumers in general were now very well secured. We now in fact had spare distribution capacity which would enable us to renew our efforts to sell more electricity.

## . . . Birkenhead . . .

An Open Meeting for all employees in the Board's North Wirral District was held at Birkenhead a few weeks ago. Senior Officers from Head Office and Area 2/3 joined the 180 members of the District staff as they enjoyed a good dinner then listened to talks

Mr. Dodds then paid tribute to the Generating Board and their ability to meet an all-time record maximum for electricity on January 19th.

He went on to say that in the next few years, when generating resources would match the strength of our distribution networks, the room for expansion would be considerable. Between now and 1971 it was planned to double the electricity supply capacity of the country, at an estimated cost of some three thousand million pounds. In addition to ensuring better security of supply generally, it would also give industry the necessary resources for greatly increased production.

After this very informative talk, Mr. F. I. Watkin, a District Commissioner rose and said a few words on the need for National Savings. He outlined the various ways whereby any individual could save and invest money.

The Meeting was then given over to an Open Forum session when questions from the provision of a chip range in the canteen at Carlton Street to self-supporting District stores were put to the panel.

from Mr. N. Hall, the District Commissioner for the National Savings Movement and from Mr. J. A. Duncan, who until recently was a Board member. After a film called "Inform and Consult" the Meeting concluded with the traditional Open Forum.

Mr. J. A. Duncan addressing employees of the Board's North Wirral District at their Open Meeting recently.



A section of the audience at the Crewe District Conference.

# Employees Meetings



A demonstration in First-Aid given by Messrs. A. Cuttler, left, and P. Shaw.



Above: Some of the delegates who attended the Aberystwyth Conference.

Right: All smiles after a hearty meal taken half-way through the Conference.

## . . . Crewe . . .

Board employees in the Crewe District held their Annual Conference a short time ago in the Civic Hall, Nantwich. Just over a hundred people attended and heard interesting talks from Mr. S. Wilson (Vice-Chairman of the D.J.A.C.) and Mr. G. Newbrook (student apprentice).

A very welcome visitor was Mr. R. N. Pegg, who retired some time ago from his job as Manager Area 4. Mr. Pegg spoke on his visit to America.

After lunch, Mr. D. G. Dodds (Chairman) talked on Current Affairs, and he was followed by Mr. J. Winchester (District Manager) who had a few words to say about the New District Office. A number of films were shown throughout the day and a First Aid demonstration was given by the District Ambulance Section. The Meeting concluded with an Open Forum session.

## and Aberystwyth

A full day was devoted to the Employees Conference held at Aberystwyth a few weeks ago when members of MANWEB's local District staff joined with their colleagues from the C.E.G.B.'s Rheidol Group in one of the town's best hotels.

In the morning session they heard informative talks from Mr. N. E. Smith (Electricity Council) and Mr. S. J. Morley (North Western Region, C.E.G.B.). After an excellent lunch, Mr. H. Evans (Chairman of the Electricity Consultative Council) spoke on the Aims and Objects of the Council. He was followed by the guest speaker Professor E. T. Nevin of the University College of Wales, who in a most interesting and explosive talk, gave his audience enough talking points to last until the next annual conference.







◀ Left: A general view of the electricity stand.

## LLANDUDNO EXHIBITION

Below: An early visitor to the stand was Councillor W. B. Blackbarrow, Chairman of Llandudno U.D.C. who opened the Exhibition. Councillor Blackbarrow shows interest in the micro-wave oven.

More than 5,000 people attended an exhibition of hotel and catering equipment held recently at the Winter Gardens, Llandudno, and one of the big attractions for visitors was the MANWEB stand.

Designed and erected under the supervision of Messrs. A. R. Train and B. G. Baxter, D.C.E. and First Assistant at Conway Valley, the stand displayed a wide variety of appliances to help the commercial caterer.

Many inquiries were received, and orders for hot cupboards, sandwich toasters, food mixers, storage radiators and back-bar equipment were placed, while an order for a micro-wave oven was taken during the first ten minutes!



◀ Left: "Just put the food in and press the button!"



▶ A few seconds later—piping hot corn-on-the-cob!



The intrepid anglers . . . before the trip!  
Left to right, back row:  
Messrs.  
G. Bevan,  
R. Atherton,  
J. Sephton,  
T. Whitney,  
M. Lindon,  
F. Moorfield,  
P. Youd,  
D. Bedford, and  
P. King.  
In front:  
Messrs.  
A. Horton and  
C. Nuttall.



A few weeks ago, a group of our Runcorn electricians went on a fishing trip off the North Wales coast. It was soon obvious that Father Neptune resented the MANWEB intrusion on his privacy and reacted in the way that only he could. This prompted the following verses.

## THE FISHING TRIP

by RANGER

'Twas in the year of '66,  
on a day dawned cold and grey;  
that the 'Roche House Rangers' put to sea,  
to voyage, come what may.

In merry vein, the crew lined up:  
twelve good men and true;  
all fitted out, with rod and line,  
to give the fish their due.

The mighty engine roared to life,  
away the boat did leap;  
as the sturdy crew set out to seek;  
the denizens of the deep.

Fast the shoreline fell away,  
soon naught was to be seen;  
save the heaving bosom of the sea,  
a vast expanse of green.

As o'er the waves the boat ploughed on,  
the bow it rose and fell.  
Up and down, our heroes tossed,  
and side to side as well.

Far out to sea, the anchor dropped;  
the fishing to begin.  
Alas, their stomachs did not agree;  
as the swell came rolling in.

Though starting off in manner gay,  
with many a cheery smile;  
one by one, our heroes now,  
fell silent for a while.

Over the side one hero hung,  
not the first, or the last, of the band.  
His face was green, as the heaving sea;  
his teeth clasped firm in his hand.

Another hero bent to retrieve,  
his oilskins from the deck.  
When over the side, a wave there broke,  
and emptied down his neck.

Straight up he came, his face a mask;  
as he felt the falling tide.  
His coat he dropped, his face turned green,  
as he headed for the side.

The wind now rose and the icy sea,  
came flying over the side;  
to dampen down, our heroes hopes,  
of the fish they were denied.

But three small fish, and small they were,  
was all they had to show;  
as the heaving sea tossed all around,  
and the icy wind did blow.

The sky grew grey, as the gathering storm,  
came rolling in with the tide.  
Cold and green our heroes sat,  
or lay heaving over the side.

The sea had won, our heroes now,  
reluctantly did agree;  
so back to shore the order came,  
to end their fishing spree.

So back to shore our heroes came;  
by the elements driven in.  
To return again, another day;  
this time, the fish to win.





Mr. D. A. Hamblin (District Manager), right, presents Mr. W. T. Griffiths with a cheque as a parting gift from his colleagues.

## FROM THE EARLY DAYS

Way back in 1920, a young man started work at the Chiswick Electric Company and after some initial training he soon became a switchboard attendant. Later, he transferred to the mains department as a cable jointer eventually becoming a foreman. It was during the period of the changeover from D.C. to A.C. when many new cables had to be laid and jointed throughout the town.

When the Chiswick Electric Company was taken over by the Aberystwyth Borough Council, this young man was promoted to the position of

Mains Engineer, a job he held very successfully until the industry was nationalised in 1948. Then he became the section engineer at Aberystwyth and was responsible for much of the rural development in that area.

By 1961, the young man was a little older and had become the 1st assistant District Engineer, Aberystwyth, the position he held until his retirement a few weeks ago.

The man we have been writing about is Mr. W. T. Griffiths, and in congratulating him on his 45 years' service in the electricity supply industry we join with his friends in wishing him many years of happy and peaceful retirement.

## RETIREMENTS

### CROSBY'S Mr. ELECTRIC

One Friday evening, a few weeks ago, under the watchful eyes of his colleagues, Mr. Ernie Cox drove his well-known maroon-coloured Electricity Service van through the gates of our Bootle Depot for the last time and walked spritely out to start a well-earned retirement.

For a quarter of a century Ernie has toured the Crosby and Hightown Districts, becoming known to many hundred of housewives as—the man who repairs the fuses and services the

cooker. Crosby housewives will, no doubt, feel they have lost a great friend of long standing.

Ernie has worked in electricity supply since 1934 and during the last 25 years he has seen many changes, from attending to the old type unimaginative cookers to the now numerous range of highspeed cookers and other appliances fitted with all types of accessories and automatic controls—and from journeying on pedal-cycle to driving one of the MANWEB fleet of fully equipped service vehicles in continuous radio-telephone contact with the depot.

After thanking him for his services to the Board and the community and wishing him a long and contented retirement, Mr. D. E. Noad (District Commercial Engineer) presented Ernie with an electric drill, a hairdryer and a cheque from his friends and colleagues, many of whom met later that evening at a local hotel to enjoy a Hot-Pot Supper to mark the occasion.

Friends and colleagues gather round to see Mr. Noad, left, present Mr. Cox with a number of gifts on the occasion of his retirement.



Recipients of Long Service Awards with Mr. J. W. Trimble (Manager Area 2/3) seated 4th from left, and Mr. D. G. Dodds (Chairman), seated 6th from the left.

## LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Long Service Awards and Certificates were presented to 42 members of the Area 2/3 Staff at a ceremony held at Sealand Road a few weeks ago. Their combined length of service came to 1,340 years.

Mr. D. G. Dodds (Chairman) presented the awards as follows:—

**45 years:** Messrs. J. H. Buckles (consumer's engineer), T. G. Crosby (switchboard attendant) J. R. Griffiths (electrician), G. R. Hill (senior Service Centre assistant), O. Humphreys (meter reader/collector), J. Mills (foreman meter reader), L. V. Stubbs (chargehand electrician), T. Walsh (chargehand linesman) and A. R. Woodward (assistant section engineer).

**35 years:** Messrs. R. G. Cotterell (chargehand electrician), J. Dolan (meter reader/collector), D. Ellams (senior assistant—Admin.), S. Fairclough (Area Commercial Officer), J. H. Johnston (assistant—Records), F. S. Massey (electrician),

C. E. Mole (meter fixer), A. M. V. O'Connor (control room operator), R. H. Salisbury (foreman—Mains), A. M. Turner (installation inspector) and H. Tyers (storekeeper).

**25 years:** Miss N. G. Botwood (senior demonstrator), Mrs. M. E. Cross (assistant—Clerical), Mrs. Z. T. Gregory (clerk), Miss M. McCann (assistant—Clerical) and Miss E. Robinson (typist). Messrs. J. R. Boden (senior Service Centre assistant), E. A. Bold (installation inspector), F. W. Clague (H.V. jointer), A. R. Cooper (District Engineer), H. I. Dumbell (section engineer), C. Ellershaw (senior assistant Consumers' Records), W. S. Grundy (driver), F. Hazelhurst (labourer), C. Kenyon (foreman—Building), A. Langley (electrician), A. R. Lovelady (installation inspector), E. Mills (District Engineer), G. Sankey (electrician), P. Stuart (driver), J. Stubbs (electrician), K. Tatler (foreman—Transport) and J. Worth (section engineer).

### Mr. S. PRESCOTT

On the last day of March, Mr. Stanley Prescott, a foreman electrician at Runcorn, died after a long illness. He was 51.

Mr. Prescott joined the Mersey Power Company in 1928 and has worked in Runcorn since that date. He was a former member of the Runcorn Swimming Club and in his younger days played for Tranmere F.C. and other local clubs.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and his son and daughter.

### Mr. S. WILSON

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Mr. Sam Wilson of Warrington after a long illness.

Aged 71, Mr. Wilson retired from work some time ago after

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serving the Warrington Corporation and MANWEB. He was one of the very first installation inspectors to be appointed in the District.

He is survived by his son and daughter to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

### Mr. L. TOLLEY

It is with regret that we report that Mr. Leslie Tolley who was employed as a painter and decorator in our Runcorn District, died a few weeks ago and was cremated at Widnes.

Mr. Tolley leaves a widow and a daughter.

### Mr. H. VICKERS

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Vickers who was a

labourer at Crewe until his retirement in 1964. Our deepest sympathy goes to his widow and family.

### Mr. W. R. MORRIS

We regret to report the death, after a period of poor health, of Mr. W. R. Morris, the 1st assistant District Engineer in the Liverpool South District.

In 1923, at the age of 16, Mr. Morris joined the Liverpool Corporation Electric Supply Department as an apprentice, later serving as a wireman, inspector and section engineer before gaining the post he held at his death.

We extend our sympathies to his widow and to his son Stephen who works in the Liverpool Central District after just completing his apprenticeship.



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**Mr. A. N. MANSFIELD, M.B.E.**  
(Formerly Engineer, Area 4)  
Tributes from his colleagues

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Mr. Arthur Norman Mansfield, M.B.E., one of the best known figures in the electricity supply industry area of North Wales. Mr. Mansfield died peacefully in hospital on April 6th, just a couple of months short of his 79th birthday.

After obtaining his engineering diploma at Nottingham University, he started work as a pupil apprentice with British Westinghouse before joining the South Wales Power Company as their mains operations engineer in 1910.

In the first World War he served with the R.A.S.C. in Egypt, Palestine and Salonika, returning to South Wales in 1922. Subsequently he became Transmission Engineer with the North Wales Power Company and in this capacity became responsible for the development of electricity supplies in a 4,000 square mile area. Many of the systems initiated by Mr. Mansfield in those far-off days are still functioning efficiently and effectively today.

On the nationalisation of the industry in 1948, he was appointed as Engineer for MANWEB's Area 4 and was immediately involved in the setting up of the new organisation and in getting the large Rural Development programme started. It was in recognition of this work that Mr. Mansfield was awarded the M.B.E. in 1952, just a year after his retirement.

Not only was he an excellent engineer, but as all his former colleagues well know, Mr. Mansfield was a tremendously human man. He had the reputation of being a disciplinarian, but at all times he was ready to listen to and advise junior members of the staff. He was shrewd in his judgment of men and things, and believed in personal contact rather than paper work which he abhorred. His humour was deadpan, like on the occasion when clearing up his desk on the day of his retirement he pointed to the piles of paper he had torn up for scrap and commented, "Not till now did I realise my considerable contribution to this Board's efficiency—all this lot wanted answers—they never got 'em!"

Mr. Mansfield was an able leader and a great friend.

A reticent man, modest in all things, both he and Mrs. Mansfield did much good unobtrusively. They had no family and in the happy memories of him, we sorrow for his widow, as they were very close to each other.

## SAFETY LEAGUE

It is very disappointing to have to record an increase in the total number of accidents during the quarter, the figure having risen from 84 to 113. As the previous figure showed an increase of 20% during that particular quarter, taking the two together presents a very sombre picture, as our quarterly total has jumped from 70 to 113 in six months.

In general, the accident pattern follows customary trends, though the bulk of the increases are in respect of handling (from 18 to 32) and hand tools (from 10 to 17), otherwise there are few deviations from previous quarters' figures.

The number of accidents in the quarter just ended is equal to those recorded for the two previous quarters taken together in respect of power and hand operated machinery and transport.

**It is pleasing to note that accidents involving electricity have reduced in number, though this reduction is not of great significance numerically.**

In respect of the performances in individual Districts, it is noted that Oswestry District headed the list for the first time, while in Liverpool North, the best ever position (3rd) was achieved.

Liverpool Central District, however, once again equalled their lowest recorded position while Chester has only once occupied a more lowly position. Conway Valley also reached a new low.

There is still no recognised pattern with regard to the occurrence of accidents. Hardly any District can claim a consistently good series of performances, while in other Districts the results oscillate violently, quarter by quarter. In two-and-a-half years, only once has a District recorded nil returns for two consecutive quarters, and only one other District has come top of the table on two occasions.

Quarter by quarter the accident totals also vary considerably and the figure this quarter of 113 has been equalled once before and exceeded only once (115 in the quarter ended June 1964) so it can hardly be said that winter weather is more conducive to a high accident rate than that encountered in the summer. However, unless there is a marked increase in the number of

accidents recorded for the first three months of 1966, it should be possible for the Board to show an overall reduction in total accidents compared with the year ended 31st March, 1965, but it is to be hoped that a substantial improvement could

be effected, particularly in view of the fact that the greatest recent increases have been in respect of handling and the use of hand tools, though the proportion of accidents involving tools much too large to carry in a tool box is substantial.

### SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS

*involving Industrial Staff in absences from duty of more than three days' duration during the quarter ending 31st December, 1965.*

No.	Nature of Accident	Quarter ending 31/12/65		Quarter ending 30/9/65		Year ending 31/3/65		Annual National Percentages	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Ending 31/3/64	Ending 31/3/65
1	Handling Objects ... ..	32	28.31	18	21.40	125	30.71	26.1	28.7
2	Persons Falling ... ..	21	18.58	19	22.60	78	19.16	20.1	18.9
3	Hand Tools ... ..	17	15.04	10	11.80	37	9.09	10.5	12.4
4	Objects Falling ... ..	8	7.079	9	10.71	32	7.86	6.9	6.63
5	Stepping on or Striking Objects ... ..	7	6.194	6	7.15	40	9.83	11.3	10.0
		7	6.194	8	9.55	28	6.88	4.9	4.8
7	Transport ... ..	5	4.425	4	7.15	24	5.90	6.2	5.58
		5	4.425	7	8.33	9	2.21	4.4	3.82
10	Hot Substances ... ..	5	4.425	3	3.57	24	5.90	5.1	5.19
		4	3.540	—	—	7	1.72	3.8	3.34
11	Machinery Hand or Power Operated ... ..	4	3.540	—	—	7	1.72	3.8	3.34
11	Explosions, Fires, Back-draughts ... ..	2	1.767	—	—	1	0.24	0.4	0.51
12	Poisons and Corrosives ... ..	—	—	—	—	2	0.48	0.3	0.19
Totals		113		84		407			

*Total number of accidents for three quarters ending 31st December, 1965=267*

### ACCIDENT PREVENTION

*Rates based on 100 Industrial Staff, as on 31st December, 1965.*

*Only those accidents involving absence from duty of more than 3 days are included.*

Quarter Ending 31/12/65		District/Depot	Quarter Ending 30/9/65		Three Quarters Ending 31/12/65		Year Ending 31/3/65	
Posn.	Rate		Posn.	Rate	Rate	Posn.	Posn.	Rate
1	0.4484	Oswestry ... ..	16	2.123	1.3353	9	13	2.032
2	0.4695	St. Helens ... ..	17	2.315	0.9376	2	5	1.257
3	0.6135	Liverpool North ... ..	11	1.194	1.292	6	8	1.680
4	0.7936	Llandudno Junction Const. ... ..	18	2.803	1.445	10	20	2.669
5	1.171	Northwich ... ..	8	1.151	1.3351	8	1	0.994
6	1.205	Area 1 Headquarters ... ..	10	1.184	1.283	5	6	1.314
7	1.299	Crewe ... ..	15	2.155	1.592	12	14	2.025
8	1.326	Warrington ... ..	1	—	0.5848	1	2	1.089
9	1.370	Vauxhall Construction ... ..	21	6.250	2.554	19	21	3.344
10	1.653	North Wirral ... ..	7	0.8091	0.9752	3	18	2.502
11	1.672	Liverpool South ... ..	5	0.6515	1.308	7	11	1.857
12	1.905	Runcorn ... ..	14	1.923	1.580	11	4	1.131
13	1.985	Liverpool Central ... ..	3	0.3861	1.030	4	10	1.772
	2.123	Board Average ... ..	—	1.56	1.662	—	—	1.848
14	2.135	Chester ... ..	13	1.773	1.777	14	3	1.124
15	2.898	Aberystwyth ... ..	6	0.7194	2.158	16	9	1.736
16	2.980	Clwyd ... ..	12	1.312	2.419	18	12	1.910
17	3.572	Southport ... ..	4	0.5848	1.945	15	16	2.276
18	4.167	Wrexham ... ..	20	4.665	3.593	21	19	2.612
19	4.790	Conway Valley ... ..	9	1.177	2.371	17	7	1.339
20	5.129	Anglesey ... ..	1	—	1.732	13	15	2.152
21	5.508	Caernarvon ... ..	19	2.893	3.472	20	17	2.488