

MANWEB GAZETTE

Welcome to... the following employees:

Head Office: Mrs. A. Bayne and Mrs. Y. Smith (shorthand typists) and Mr. J. H. Whone (senior assistant, Financial).

Area 1 Office: Miss C. Grierson (clerk), Mrs. G. Hamblett (machine operator), Miss J. Hurst and Miss J. McMahon (clerks), Messrs. D. Carpenter (assembler) and N. A. Smith (clerk). *Central District:* Miss P. Bushell (typist), Messrs. J. Colfar (labourer), J. Dunn (meter fixer), R. Jones and W. Maher (labourers), L. Phillips (general assistant engineer) and M. Ward (labourer). *North District:* Messrs. F. Hughes (electrician), H. E. Keogh and J. J. Lynch (labourers). *South District:* Mrs. I. Carroll (part-time cleaner), Messrs. J. Brennan (assistant storekeeper) and T. Nelson (labourer). *Southport District:* Mr. M. R. Davies (assistant section engineer).

Area 2/3 Office: Miss T. A. Mulliner (clerk), Miss L. Pickering (typist) and Mrs. P. A. Scott (clerk). Messrs. H. Swindley and S. R. Twigg (electricians, communications). *St. Helens District:* Messrs. J. Kenny (Drawing Office assistant), G. Mather (labourer) and M. Powell (assistant section engineer). *Warrington District:* Mr. G. Newton (labourer). *Runcorn District:* Messrs. A. McGuire (labourer), T. R. Watkinson (messenger) and J. W. Woodward (labourer). *Northwich District:* Messrs. J. M. Colburn, P. W. Cooper and R. J. Hazeldene (labourers), J. R. Kettle (pavior), P. E. Kubiak, G. Lamb and W. Sidlow (labourers). *Chester District:* Mrs. M. Shakeshaft (saleswoman). *North Wirral District:* Messrs. G. C. Armitage (salesman) and A. I. E. T. Thurgill (meter reader).

Area 4 Office: Miss C. A. Challinor (machine operator). *Clwyd District:* Messrs. R. H. Lane (salesman) and B. S. Sutton (Drawing Office assistant). *Conway Valley District:* Miss K. A. Davies, Miss P. R. Evans and Mrs. J. M. Williams (clerks) and Mr. E. Raw (labourer). *Aberystwyth District:* Mr. E. Pugh (labourer).

Congratulations to... the following employees on their promotions:

Head Office: Mr. D. V. Ellis (senior assistant, Financial).

Area 1 Office: Messrs. M. Curphey (records draughtsman) and J. P. Williams (assistant, Costs). *Central District:* Messrs. R. Ashton (assistant, Commercial), L. Bell, A. Challoner and T. Wilson (fitter's mates). *North District:* Miss H. Parry (sales demonstrator). *South District:* Messrs. T. Millar and A. Murray (jointer's mates).

Area 2/3 Office: Messrs. I. Baird (assistant, Accountancy) and A. Lockett (assistant, Commercial Clerical). *Northwich District:* Mr. W. Southern (chargehand storekeeper).

Area 4 Office: Mr. H. W. Edwards (clerical assistant, Legacy). *Oswestry District:* Messrs. W. Higgins (jointer's mate) and W. S. Holloway (jointer). *Caernarvon District:* Messrs. O. Davies (linesman), G. R. Orritt (meter reader) and E. D. Williams (linesman).

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

Head Office: Mrs. V. F. Carter (clerk) and Miss D. Chappell (shorthand typist). Messrs. R. D. Crabb (assistant, Information) and T. S. O'Toole (3rd assistant Commercial engineer).

Area 1 Office: Mr. J. Gordon (Stores labourer). *Central District:* Mr. M. Cullen (labourer). *North District:* Messrs. E. Dutton (meter fixer) and W. Fielding (fitter mechanic). *South District:* Messrs. W. Ashbridge (electrician), G. Beckett and A. J. Briscoe (labourers). (These last three all because of ill health.)

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Area 4 Office: Mr. C. Savage (labourer, Vauxhall). *Conway Valley District:* Mr. T. E. Williams (linesman). *Caernarvon District:* Mr. A. E. Beech (electrician). *Anglesey District:* Mr. G. Griffiths (labourer).

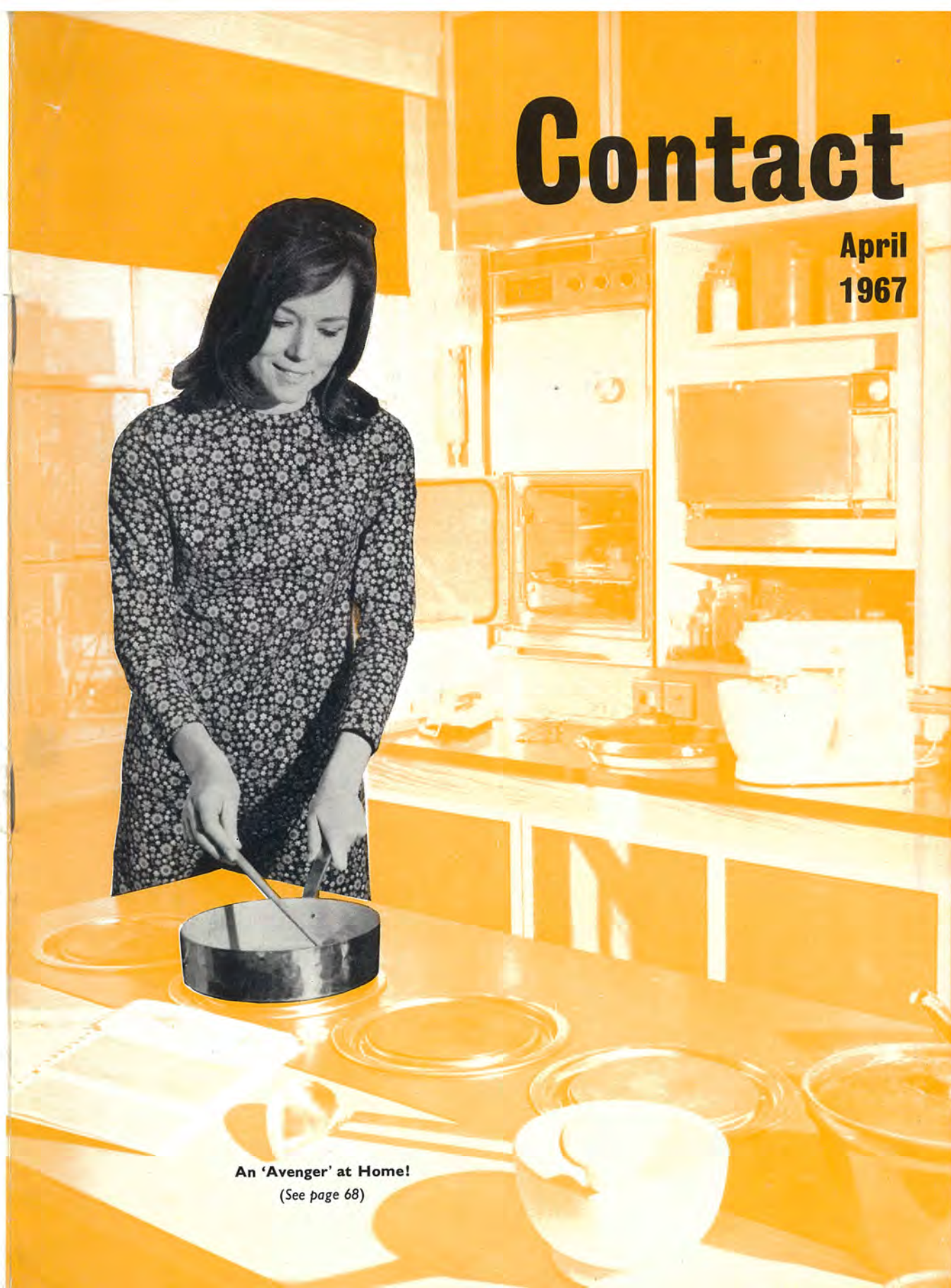
Obituary

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of the following members and ex-members of the Board's staff:

Mr. Richard Logan Edgar (85) who was employed as a Mains Engineer with Warrington before he retired; Mr. Thomas Gee, a second assistant engineer with the Building Section at Area 2/3 Office; Mr. Henry Kenyon (66) who worked as a labourer in the St. Helens District before he was prematurely retired due to ill health; Mr. George Peters (61) who was a watchman at St. Helens before he too retired due to failing health; Mr. Charles C. Shaw (70) who was employed as a mechanical fitter at Birkenhead prior to his retirement five years ago and Mr. Clarence Surgey (70) who retired in 1961 from his post as assistant storekeeper at Holyhead.

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An 'Avenger' at Home!

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New Board Members

Accountant and Agriculturalist

THE Minister of Power (Mr. Richard Marsh) has appointed Mr. Bertram Nelson, C.B.E., J.P., of Liverpool, and Professor H. T. Williams, of Aberystwyth, to be part-time Members of the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board.

Mr. Nelson, a senior partner in the firm of Lithgow, Nelson and Co., chartered accountants, of Liverpool, London and Southport, is Pro-Chancellor of Liverpool University and a member of the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. He has been Chairman of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, a vice-President of the Association of British

Chambers of Commerce, President of the Society of Incorporated Accountants, and has held various other positions in the professional, cultural, and educational fields.

He is married with one son and one daughter, both of whom are still receiving full-time education.

Professor Williams at present occupies the Chair of Agricultural Economics at Aberystwyth University, where his main interest is in the general economics of agricultural policy and development.

Early in his career, Professor Williams spent periods on the staff of the Agricultural Economy Department at Reading University, and later the Agricultural Research Institute at Oxford. He then moved to the Ministry of Agriculture as an economist, and after 14 years with the Ministry became head of the Economics Branch concerned with such matters as the



Professor H. T. Williams

Annual Agricultural Prices Review and matters of Agricultural Policy. In 1959 he moved to Seale Hayme Agricultural College, Devon, as Deputy Principal and Bursar, until being appointed to his present post in 1964.

He has visited the U.S.A. and India, studying agricultural problems, and also visited Australia as a member of the Commonwealth Statisticians Conference.

Professor Williams is married, with a daughter at the London School of Economics and a son at Ardwyn Grammar School, Aberystwyth. His main spare-time pursuit is salmon and trout fishing.



Mr. B. Nelson

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EDITORIAL

The Wind of Change

THE CURTAIN is going up on a new era. Ever since the war the electricity industry has had insufficient plant to meet the demand in cold weather. It looks as though we are now at last out of the wood. The shortage of generating capacity will, within a matter of weeks, become a thing of the past. For the first time in recent history the supply industry will be able to mount a real commercial drive."

The significance of these recent words of Sir Ronald Edwards, Chairman of the Electricity Council, cannot be overestimated.

All too often in the past our commercial colleagues have been hampered in their work by uncertainty about security of supply. The difficulties in striking a balance between catering for expected demand without wasteful over-investment of capital are a constant headache for our industry's planners, working as they must several years in advance without the benefit of an infallible crystal ball.

It now seems that balance has been achieved, and that the way is clear for everyone in the industry to push our product in the most forceful and energetic manner possible. Backed by a vigorous national advertising campaign already under way, our commercial colleagues are faced with a year of unprecedented opportunity.

But selling electricity, pushing our industry forward to ever greater heights, is not a task for one department alone. In some ways every employee of the industry can make his or her contribution.

Have you thought about yours?

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Cook'n Dining Room TV star's "British-Made" Home

"IT has to have all the latest convenience aids—but it must be mellow." That was the first, simple instruction actress Diana Rigg gave to London architects Mike Belton and Geoff Barker of the Dion Partnership when she set out to turn the dingy scullery of her new St. John's Wood home into a new style Cook'n Dining Room.

Set back from the busy Finchley Road the four-floor 18th century house was once the home of Thomas Hood, the poet. It includes a majestic 30

by 30 feet studio which later became the work place of two of Britain's most distinguished artists, first Augustus John and later Dame Laura Knight.

When the conversion started, the tiny scullery opened off what had been a dining room but later dissolved into a paint mixing room for the two famous artists who worked there.

Today the flat is transformed. The scullery has gone. The space it once had has been linked to the neighbouring room to form a single, front-facing

OUR COVER

Last month we featured in our cover picture, special policewoman Miss Stephanie Peel of Prestatyn. A natural follow-up for this month is the picture of another law-abiding citizen, Mrs. Emma Peel of the dollar-earning TV show "The Avengers". After a hard day at the studios, Mrs. Peel reverts to her somewhat quieter life as actress Diana Rigg when she returns to her home in St. John's Wood. A replica of part of this home, the Cook'n Dining Room was featured in the Electricity Pavilion at the recent Daily Mail Ideal Homes Exhibition in London.

Many sparkling new ideas have been incorporated in this all-electric combined kitchen and dining room.

The picture at the top of this page shows Miss Rigg in the kitchen area where we can also see the built-in cooker with twin ovens, design-award winning hob-plates, two refrigerators and a deep freezer, a waste-disposal unit that converts into a mini-washing machine, a built-in dishwasher plus plenty of small aids for the time-taking tasks. There are no cooking smells because of the cleverly planned ventilation. Lighting can be varied to suit the occasion and heating is by slim storage radiators.

area of 270 square feet purpose built for efficient, economical and relaxed living and entertaining. And everything, fittings, furniture and appliances are all-British, with the emphasis on natural materials.

"The days of kitchen skivvies are over," says Diana Rigg, "Everyone knows that most people do their own cooking. So why not make it part of the entertaining.

"I wanted a room which combined the part where we eat and the part where I cook. A room where my guests can settle comfortably to chat and have a drink while I get on with the jobs—and can still be part of the party. If you have to spend most of the evening fussing over a fuming stove and only popping in and out of the party, having friends in just isn't fun."

Preparing and serving is very simple in the 'Cook'n Dine'. Most of the time and labour savers have been placed above the work tops while on an 'island' unit are the individual Creda 'Quick Disc' hob plates and a special small, Electrolux refrigerator which Miss Rigg reserves for chilling champagne and wines.

Kitchen and cooking smells are no problem. A 9 in. Xpelair twin speed extractor fan fitted behind the wall units invisibly draws out all the odours. This unit is linked to an exhaust duct behind the units, essential for the extraction of heat.

Lighting, says Miss Rigg, is most important. "I like cosy lighting for meals and a good light for making them." Over the food preparation area are Rotaflex recessed ceiling fittings for general lighting, and concealed fluorescent tubes behind a wood pelmet to give extra light to the appliance area. At the flick of a switch, Miss Rigg can separate her kitchen from the dining room, leaving just the dining table illuminated from an Osram/GEC Conquest pendant fitting over the table. The height of this fitting can be altered and so can the intensity of light. Miss Rigg controls the level of light by turning a small dimming switch on the wall.

Storage Radiators

The room is heated by two GEC slim, off-peak storage radiators fitted in the alcoves in the dining area; they have cushioned seats built above, allowing two inches for air circulation. The hot water is supplied from a Sadia N 50 6 kW off-peak cylinder which serves the whole flat.

The major appliances—all British made and all approved by the British Electrical Approvals Board—are linked along one wall. First is the

Tricity 800 oven—really two ovens in one. Miss Rigg can cook meringues and souffles in one oven at low or medium temperatures while high or medium cooking goes on undisturbed in the other. She also likes spit roasting and alongside is a GEC/Cannon foldaway rotisserie.

In the centre is a 3.5 cu. feet Lec refrigerator and a 3.2 cu. feet Lec freezer. Working long hours at the studio means that shopping trips are limited to once a week so she likes to stock up with perishables. In the freezer she stores cheaper bulk buys in frozen foods and she can also make extra servings of some of her favourite dishes and freeze them for use later.

Clearing up after meals can, these days, be almost effortless. A built-in Kenwood dishwasher is installed above and to the side of the sink unit. One bowl in the sink unit contains a Bell Maxmatic waste disposer which grinds leftovers to a fine powder and flushes them away. The same unit converts the sink into a small washing machine for small items of laundry.

Time-Savers

The Cook'n Dining Room is equipped so that many smaller time-taking tasks can be done electrically using small aids which plug into the eight socket outlets placed in the work areas. For the Ronson carving knife, and coffee percolator or warming tray a covered electric point has been fitted in the floor alongside the dining table. There is a Kenwood mixer, a Ronson 'Can-Do' with attachments for whisking, tin-opening and knife sharpening, a Morphy-Richards toaster and a coffee grinder and the latest Russell Hobbs kettle that switches itself off automatically. And afterwards all the aids stow away in the spacious cupboards.

The sink surround and the work tops are in the diamond-hard Welsh slate which can be produced in various shades and cut to fit any requirements. The clever use of this natural material in Miss Rigg's flat could well set a new trend.

The layout of appliances and the electric hobs on the island unit is planned with just the right space between them to give easy access without crouching or tiring bending. Most essentials are at stand-up height.

To complement this easy, efficient and relaxed Cook'n Dining Room, Miss Rigg is having a new bathroom and an all-electric, mostly, off-peak heating system for the rest of her flat. Together, the careful planning and expert appliance selection provide a home that is simple to run, economical, and fun to live in.

ELECTRIC PAVILION

A MAJOR co-operative scheme by the electricity supply industry and manufacturers to promote and sell electrical appliances was launched by the Electricity Council at the recent *Daily Mail* Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia, London. A giant Electric Pavilion with 14,500 square feet of space occupying a quarter of the entire display area of the Grand Hall, constituted a single integrated electricity exhibit.

Manufacturers who previously occupied individual sites in this area, surrendered their space to enable the co-operative venture to take place. Appliances were grouped in special feature centres and twenty-nine firms participated—some of them in several of the centres. A further thirty-five manufacturers entered single appliances in group displays, and fifteen firms took part in the lighting feature.

A general view of a section of the Electric Pavilion at this year's Ideal Home Exhibition.



The eight centres covered heating, cooking, refrigeration, dishwashing, cleaning and laundering, water heating, lighting and general appliances.

Mr. Norman Phillips, the Electricity Council's exhibition executive said: "There has been a tremendous response to this venture which is a clear sign of the industry's willingness to get together in important promotions. The exhibit was the largest at the Ideal Home."

Incorporated into the Electric Pavilion were four special features—the Hall of 1,000 Lights, Miss Diana Rigg's new all-electric "Cook'n Dining Room"; the "Scamp" first production model battery electric town car and the "New for 1967" feature—a collection of trend-setting electric appliances for this year.



The Home Lighting Centre in the Hall of 1,000 Lights in the Electric Pavilion.

The Best of British Light

LIGHTING emerged as the latest and one of the most exciting 'status symbols' from the luxurious abundance of furnishings at this year's Ideal Home Exhibition. In the 'Hall of 1,000 Lights', one of the features in the Electric Pavilion, homemakers had their first opportunity to see the best and latest British home lighting in a specially mounted display. Every Ideal Home show has had splendid arrays of lighting in its show-houses but 1967 marked the first time that home lighting has been concentrated in a single area.

Today British home lighting designs are as 'with it' as anything on the domestic market. They lead the way in high fashion and the outstanding display in the 'Hall of 1,000 Lights' allowed visitors to select the ideal lighting for their ideal homes and to make bold and imaginative use of the newest materials and colour trends.

Visitors could see for themselves that lighting works wonders. The show helped sweep away for

ever the peculiar British indifference to using lighting to show off their homes to the best advantage, and proved that a few pounds spent on carefully selected fittings could completely revitalise the home, brightening colours and furnishings.

The glittering variety of fittings on display offered unlimited choice in style, price and type and orders for them could be placed on the spot.

The 'Hall of 1,000 Lights' was organised in collaboration with the British Lighting Council, which maintains a permanent display of Home Lighting ideas in its showrooms at 16-18 Lancaster Place, London W.C.2.

The Electricar

THE first production model of a battery electric town car, the Scamp, was on show in the Electric Pavilion. It is the forerunner of a small production run of similar cars which will undergo extensive field trials by Electricity Boards.

The two seater Scamp, manufactured by Scottish Aviation Ltd., has a maximum speed of 35 m.p.h. and will cruise for 20-25 miles at 30 m.p.h. in normal traffic conditions on a single charge of its batteries.

Batteries can be recharged from a domestic socket outlet. Running costs, based upon 100 miles a week, are about half the equivalent costs of a similar petrol driven car if the batteries are recharged on a normal electricity tariff and about one third if recharged on an off-peak tariff.

The Scamp on show has an improved range over the prototype model introduced a year ago. It is estimated that a series production model would cost about £350. Future models are likely to continue the emphasis on increased range rather than speed, depending upon the requirements of the public.

The electric town car parks three or four to a meter bay, takes its owner to the station, his wife to do their shopping and both to visit friends in the evening. It is the quiet, fumeless, two pedal car for many city and suburban families in the near future.

The Electricity Council is preparing requirement specifications for three different sizes of electric vehicles for the staffs of Electricity Boards to use in their day-to-day business. One is for a single seat vehicle, another for a four wheeled two seat vehicle, and the third for a larger four seater car. Manufacturers will be invited to tender for these vehicles.



Some of the delegates at this year's Conference.

Crewe Conference

Staff covered by the Crewe District Local Advisory Committee gathered at the Civic Hall, Nantwich recently for their Annual Conference.

As Mr. J. A. Winchester (District Manager, Crewe), opened the proceedings, about a hundred employees made up the audience. The first speaker was Mr. M. R. Cowan (Chief Commercial Officer) who talked about money and how it affected

our lives. He dealt in detail with how it concerned MANWEB and its business.

After a short break for tea and biscuits, the audience settled down again to hear from Mr. G. B. Jackson (Regional Director, North West Region, C.E.G.B.) who titled his subject "The Performance of the Grid System in Emergencies". This proved to be a very interesting talk in which Mr. Jackson, with

the clever use of visual aids, painted a vivid picture of the build-up and transference of load in times of emergency.

Both talks were absorbingly interesting, very informative and were enthusiastically received.

Before the delegates retired for lunch, Mr. D. G. Dodds (Chairman) had a final word to bring to an end a Conference which has been described as the best so far.



Above: Mr. Jackson using a visual aid during his interesting talk.

Right: Waiting for lunch.



Below: Another group of delegates and guests.



An attentive audience at the recent Clwyd and Conway Valley District Conference.

Employees meet at Llandudno

On a beautiful Saturday a few weeks ago, nearly a 100 members of the staff from the Clwyd and Conway Valley Districts were joined by senior officers from Head Office and Area 4 Office as they gathered at the Hydro Hotel, Llandudno for their annual Conference.

In the absence of Mr. L. V. Taylor (District Manager, Clwyd) who was indisposed, Mr. K. Helliwell (Manager,

Area 4) took over the Chair. He began by welcoming everyone to the Conference and made special mention of the retired employees who had accepted the invitation to come along. He then introduced Mr. W. N. Shires (Commercial Officer, Area 4) who addressed the audience taking as his topic "The Industry and our Future."

After a break for coffee and a short period for social chit-chat,

the delegates re-assembled in the hall to hear a very interesting talk given by Mr. N. F. Clift, the Personnel Officer for J. Bibby and Sons Limited. Mr. Clift spoke on the subject of Industrial Relations giving a general analysis first before going into detail on a specific case study.

The Conference concluded with a very lively Open Forum session of searching questions and informative answers.

Right: Mr. Helliwell addresses the meeting at the start of the Open Forum session. With him we see Mr. Shires, centre and Mr. M. M. Parker (Secretary and Solicitor).

Below: Mr. Clift, during his talk.



Mr. D. G. Dodds (Chairman), *left*, hands over a cheque of the proceeds of the very successful E.I.B.A. Annual Ball, which was again held at Liverpool's Adelphi Hotel. Receiving the donation is Sir Harold Mullens, President of the E.I.B.A. Also in the picture, *from left to right*: Lady Mullens, Mr. G. L. Butler and Mrs. Dodds.



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To mark his completion of 35 years' service in the electricity supply industry, Mr. W. S. Davies of our Rhyl shop was presented with an illuminated scroll and a silver tea set. Making the presentation on behalf of the Board was Mr. L. V. Taylor (District Manager, Clwyd). Our picture, taken at the ceremony, shows, *from left to right*: Messrs. R. Carter (consumers' engineer), L. V. Taylor, G. Bowers (District Commercial Engineer), W. S. Davies and A. J. Thompson (salesman).



Above: Mr. J. L. Scudamore (District Manager, Southport), *left*: presents First-Aid Certificates to Mr. E. C. Capp (assistant, Secretarial), *centre*, and Mr. S. J. Holt (senior salesman).

Left: A scene at this year's Crewe District Annual Dinner and Dance which was attended by nearly 150 employees. Welcome guests were Mr. D. G. Gwyn (Deputy Chairman) and his daughter, Sandra, and Mr. K. Helliwell (Manager, Area 4) and his wife.

Music was provided by the Melody Makers and Mr. J. Moulton (meter reader) was the M.C. for the evening.



The Open Forum Panel at Northwich. *Left to right*: Messrs. J. R. Evans, R. Penny, J. W. Trimble, W. W. Makin and A. Stewart.

Northwich Meeting

The venue for this year's Open Meeting for staff covered by the No. 9 Local Advisory Committee was the beautiful Memorial Hall at Northwich. The evening began with light refreshments at a running buffet before approximately a hundred members of the staff settled down to first of all enjoy two films, one extolling the abilities of the Irish at sport and the other showing the advantages of nuclear power.

Then Mr. W. W. Makin (District Engineer) addressed the gathering in his capacity as Chairman of the No. 9 L.A.C. He began by welcoming everyone out, and thanked Mr. D. G. Gwyn (Deputy Chairman) and Mr. M. M. Parker (Secretary and Solicitor) for coming along from Head Office, Mr. J. W. Trimble and his senior officers from Area 2/3, Mr. J. Anderson and Mr. J. Fenney from the D.A.J.C. and the large number of pensioners who had turned out in force. At this stage, Mr. Makin expressed his good wishes and congratulations to Mr. Jim Cross who was that day celebrating his 82nd birthday.

In discussing the year's working, Mr. Makin said that with the continued assistance of joint consultation and getting problems ironed out,

work had progressed at a higher level throughout the year and that the budget targets would be achieved.

He then spent a few moments on the safety aspects and asked for everyone's help and co-operation in seeing that dangerous situations were avoided. He said that the District now boasted 17 qualified first-aiders . . . "all anxious to put you right!"

His closing remarks concerned efficiency in the District and he urged all employees to apply a degree of value analysis to their jobs to ensure that everything they did would further the Board's prosperity.

The Meeting was then given over to the very popular Open Forum session when a number of varied questions were asked by the staff and answered by many of the senior officers present.



Camera shots round the hall revealing studies of concentration as the delegates listened to the questions and answers in the Open Forum session.





All action as the Chester Ladies team get organised in facing the chaos after a nasty accident in the hold of a ship.

First-Aid Competition

"Casualties" Congratulated

ONCE again our Chester Ladies team put in a great effort to win this year's District First-Aid Competition, held at the Chester Town Hall a short time ago. As the Board's only representatives competing against the four teams (all male) entered by the C.E.G.B., the girls succeeded in gaining a total of 286½ marks with their nearest rivals, Ince Power Station getting 241 marks. In the Reserves Competition, Miss W. Arrowsmith of the Chester Ladies did very well to come in second place.

The large audience of supporters also included the team from the West Lancashire Area of the North Western Electricity Board and the Ladies Team who had recently won the Midlands District Competition. Everyone enjoyed an interesting and entertaining afternoon watching the competitors put through their paces.

The setting for the team competition was in the hold of a ship and this was wonderfully simulated by the ingenious staff of the Board's Area 2/3 Display department. In pretty cramped conditions members of the team had to deal with a man with a fractured leg, another with a simple fracture of the wrist, a third man had a bruised back and the last one was concussed.

After this very harrowing experience, individual team members went on to demonstrate what they would do when faced with an incident outside a public house with three rather inebriated football supporters, one of whom had fallen down the steps and knocked himself out for a few minutes.

He had recovered by the time the first-aider arrived. This test proved very frustrating for the competitors as they tried to make sense of what had happened, all the time being 'helpfully' harassed by the other two men. However, the interested audience thoroughly enjoyed this particular episode.

The other individual test was a case of a diabetic who had collapsed after running for a bus. Again the first-aider had to know exactly what to do in order to help the man.

Thanks all round

With all the tests completed some excellent light refreshments were provided as the judges settled to their task of totalling the marks. When this was done everyone returned to the main hall to hear the results and see the presentation of the prizes. Before this took place however, Mr. D. G. Dodds (Chairman) expressed appreciation to all those who had contributed in making the event a success—the casualties, the doctors, Mr. Trimble and the MANWEB staff who had done a great deal of work in many directions, the stewards and the visiting team from NORWEB who had helped the judges in preparing and running through the tests.

Mr. Dodds went on to say that in our Industry the accident record was very good, but accidents do happen and it was essential that we had someone on hand to offer the right kind of help

in time of need and to do the right things before the doctor arrived.

Then the judges had a few words to say. First Dr. C. P. Chivers of the I.C.I. at Winnington, thanked the Board for inviting him, Dr. Bowker for his valuable help as co-judge, and finally the casualties. "Without good casualties", he continued, "the competition would be very poor indeed". He said that they all had a true feeling for the conditions they were supposed to be in, and throughout the tests they were consistent in their actions and behaviour, a very difficult thing to do. He then spoke for a few



Above: The winning team receiving the District Trophy from Mrs. Dodds, right. The First-Aiders, from left to right: Miss W. Arrowsmith (reserve), Miss Betty Jackson, Miss Margaret Jones and Miss Sybil Cooper (captain). The fourth member of the team, Miss June Hudspith, had to leave before the prizes were presented.

Left: Miss Betty Jackson copes with a diabetic, cleverly acted by Mr. W. Darcy.

Below: The scene which stole the show. Team captain Miss Sybil Cooper heroically tries to cope with the three very merry football supporters.

moments on the essential points that all good first-aiders should look for.

Dr. B. R. Ellis of Vauxhall Motors, Ellesmere Port, then rose to give a special word of thanks to the 'football supporters', thanks which he said were echoed by the members of the teams who had been through that particular test. They all agreed that if the scene and the action had been put on film, all three actors would have gained an 'Oscar'!

Finally, Dr. R. Battye of the North West Gas Board at St. Helens, congratulated Mr. W. Darcy on the high standard of his work as a casualty. Mr. Darcy, during his non-acting periods works as a first-aid attendant at Agecroft Power station.

Unfortunately we have to close on a sad note, for in the National Finals held at Harrogate shortly afterwards, the Chester Ladies were beaten into fourth place and had to give up the Florence Nightingale statuette which they won last year.

Still, you cannot win them all! And the girls still have a record to be proud of.





The Clwyd District Sports and Social Club Committee. *Left to right, back row:* Messrs. G. Bowers, H. Williams, E. Roberts, N. Whitworth, E. Williams, H. Day, D. Tomkinson and A. Williams. *Front row:* Miss P. Savage and Mrs. N. Gardner.

Clwyd District Annual Dinner Dance



Some 'Candid Camera' shots taken at the dance.



Nearly 200 members of the Clwyd District staff, together with their wives, husbands and friends gathered at the Royal Lido at Prestatyn a few weeks ago to enjoy an evening together at the District's Annual Dinner Dance.

After an excellent meal, the Club Chairman, Mr. G. Bowers, said that the evening promised to be yet another success for the organisers. He then asked the District Manager, Mr. L. V. Taylor to say a few words as President of the Club.

Mr. Taylor welcomed the guests from Area 4 Office who had come along with their wives to support the dance. (*Mr. and*



More happy groups face the camera.

Mrs. W. N. Shires, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kidd and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hegarty). He said that with the successful function taking place that night, the District would be able to show that they could manage the social side of life as well as the business side.

Mr. Shires replied for the guests and thanked the hosts for the generous hospitality afforded. He congratulated all members of the District staff on their achievements in the various fields of the Board's activities.

The short session of speeches concluded with a unanimous vote of thanks to the organisers of the function and to the catering staff of the Lido.



WEDDINGS

GREGG—FORD

Congratulations to Mr. John Gregg, a clerk in the Meter Test Department at Lister Drive, who was married to Miss Barbara Ford, a secretary to a Liverpool accountant, at Walton Parish Church recently.

JONES—HENDERSON

Our congratulations to Mr. Denzil Jones, a clerk at our Aberystwyth Office and Miss Margaret Henderson on the occasion of their recent marriage which took place at the Independent Chapel at Lampeter. Their honeymoon was spent in North Wales.



Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell (centre front), with their friends at the Clubhouse.

MITCHELL—RICE

Friends of Mr. Norman Mitchell, District Senior Clerk for Liverpool South District and Miss Joan Rice, a clerk in the Commercial Section at Lister Drive, gathered at the Thingwall Road Social Club for a little party prior to the presentation of a silver tea service to mark their forthcoming marriage. This duly took place on March 28th at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Maghull.

On return from their honeymoon, Norman told us that they set off for the Isle of Wight, but somehow detoured to Llangollen before journeying to Devon and Cornwall. On the way, they stopped off in London and visited the Ideal Home

Exhibition. Next day they found themselves in Eastbourne and from there they slipped across to their original destination.

HARRISON—JONES

We offer our best wishes for the future to Mr. George Harrison, who works at the Stationery Department at Hatton Garden and Miss Barbara Jones, a clerk in the Meter Test Department at Lister Drive, on the occasion of their marriage which took place at Walton Parish Church a short time ago.



Mr. & Mrs. G. Harrison

ROTHWELL—PRICE

Best wishes for the future to Mr. K. D. Rothwell, an electrician at St. Helens and Miss Norma Price of Southport, who were married at St. Phillip's Church, Southport, a short time ago. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in the Lake District.

ENGAGEMENT

We offer our very best wishes for the future to Mr. Stephen Davies, an electrician at Crewe and Miss Pauline Clarke, a shorthand typist, who recently announced their engagement.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to:

Mr. E. D. Jones, a salesman at Aberystwyth and Mrs. Jones on the birth of a son.

Mr. L. G. Jones, a linesman at Aberystwyth and Mrs. Jones on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. T. Jones, a draughtsman at Aberystwyth, and Mrs. Jones on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. E. Mathias, a labourer at Aberystwyth and Mrs. Mathias on the birth of a daughter.

Note to all keen ornithologists. There is no truth in the rumour that there is a very tired stork in the Aberystwyth District!

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

24-hour cover for less than 1d. a day

When a person has a serious accident not only does he suffer physically but his family suffer financially. The purpose of a scheme, which has been arranged by the Electricity Supply Industry with the Commercial Union Assurance Group is to provide personal accident insurance on the best possible terms, and any employee with six months service can apply to join.

Explanatory leaflets and proposal forms have been given to all employees during the past weeks setting out details of the scheme, and indicating where further information about the policy may be obtained.

The policy covers accident injury whilst at work or leisure—24 hours a day—including air travel as a passenger. Sports are also covered except mountaineering, winter sports abroad, or racing of any kind other than foot.

For 6d. a week or 2s. 2d. per calendar month one

unit of cover can be purchased and each unit provides for example:—

- (i) *Accidental death or permanent disablement from all work, or loss of both eyes—£1,000.*
- (ii) *Lesser sums varying between £750 and £30 for the permanent loss of use of limbs.*
- (iii) *Permanent deafness in two ears—£500.*
- (iv) *Permanent facial disfigurement by burns—up to £200.*
- (v) *A weekly total disablement benefit of £2 10s. 0d. beginning after the first thirteen weeks of incapacity payable for a period not exceeding ninety-one weeks.*

You cannot apply for less than one or more than ten units but between these limits you can have half units for 3d. a week or 1s. 1d. per calendar month if you so desire.

For 2s. 6d. per week you can secure £5,000 for your family if you are killed by accident.

STAFF APPOINTMENT

Mr. William Nelson Shires, C.ENG., A.M.I.E.E., Commercial Officer for MANWEB's Area 4 since 1963, has been appointed Assistant Chief Commercial Officer (Energy Sales) at the Board's Head Office. He succeeds Mr. R. M. Gravett, C.ENG., M.I.E.E., who is retiring.

Mr. Shires began his career with a Bolton company as an apprentice electrician, and later transferred to the sales side of the electricity industry.

He served in the R.A.F. during the second world war, and later became Area Con-

sumer's Engineer for the Lancashire Electric Power Company at Ormskirk.

After the nationalisation of the industry he served as District Consumers' Engineer at Macclesfield and Stalybridge moving to the North Western Electricity Board's Headquarters in 1958.

Mr. Shires has been actively involved in research in the space heating field, and serves on a number of panels and committees sponsored by the Electricity Council and the British Standards Institute.



MANWEB CRICKET KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

First Round Draw: All matches to be played before May 19th, 1967.

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| ● Caernarvon v. Anglesey | ● St. Helens v. Head Office |
| ● Sealand Road v. Clwyd | ● Liverpool South v. Southport |
| ● Crewe v. Northwich | ● Oswestry v. Wrexham |
| ● North Wirral v. Hatton Garden | |

There will be one bye in the second round which will be afforded to the winning team scoring the highest runs per over in the first round.

RETIREMENTS



Mr. J. A. Winchester (District Manager, Crewe), left, presenting a cheque to Mr. N. E. T. Beaman, records draughtsman, on the eve of his retirement.

Mr. J. CALLAGHAN

This is a name that is in the news this month. Mr. James Callaghan. There is the one who's main concern is our money and there is the one who's main concern for the past 20 years has been the overhead lines in our Crewe District. It was therefore appropriate that our Mr. Callaghan should be presented with a wallet of notes from his colleagues as they wished him a happy retirement.

Mr. P. HARRISON

Friends at Wrexham District joined together recently to wish Mr. Percy Harrison a healthy and happy retirement. With their good wishes went presents of an electric fan heater and a cheque.

Mr. Harrison spent all of his 44 years in the industry at



Mr. P. Harrison, left, retiring from his post as assistant consumers' engineer, is seen here with his District Manager at Wrexham, Mr. E. T. Peters.

Wrexham apart from a spell of wartime service with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

He is now looking forward to many years of retirement, for long life seems to be an hereditary factor in his family tree.

Mr. E. OWEN

A few weeks ago, Mr. Emlyn Owen, a driver at our Caernarvon District, retired from work with the Board. At a ceremony to mark the occasion tributes were paid to Mr. Owen's service and personality by Mr. J. N. R. Phillips (District Engineer) who then presented him with a clock as a parting gift from his many friends.

Mr. N. Maden (District Manager) and Mr. E. D. White (1st assistant District Engineer) also spoke at the ceremony.

Mr. R. H. Morley (District Engineer), centre left, gives a farewell handshake to Mr. H. Tyers who was retiring from his job as storekeeper at the Cleveland Street depot after serving the industry for the past 37 years. Mr. Tyers started as a labourer with the Birkenhead Corporation and later became a cable ganger. He is a very keen gardener and spends most of his spare time on his allotment.



Farewells at Northwich

In recent weeks, four members of our Northwich District staff have done their last day's work for MANWEB and taken to a life of retirement.

Overhead linesman Mr. J. Tideswell had just completed 45 years of work when he retired a short time ago. He started work with the Northwich Electricity Supply Company in 1922 later serving with the Mid-Cheshire Company until the industry was nationalised in 1948. Mr. Tideswell was very well known in the District and to mark his farewell his colleagues presented him with a clock.

Another linesman, this time chargehand Mr. C. Kendrick was also a long-serving employee in the Northwich District. He joined the Mid-Cheshire Electricity Supply Company in 1926 before transferring to MANWEB in 1948. Mr. Kendrick, who is 61, has had to retire because of a breakdown in his health, and we join with his many friends in the District in wishing him a speedy recovery so that he may enjoy a well-earned retirement.

After spending nearly 30 years as a pavior with the Northwich gang, Mr. W. Royle put away his spade and flagger's maul for the last time. All his colleagues wished him a long and healthy retirement as they presented him with an electric heater as a parting gift.

Finally, Mr. D. W. Hill, a substation attendant in the District, retired after completing 20 years' service in the industry. Before he left, Mr. Hill was presented with a farewell gift from his colleagues and friends.

BUY A COOKER Sales campaign

A POWERFULLY promoted six weeks "premium offer" campaign, operated jointly by Electricity Boards and the nine major cooker manufacturers was launched at the beginning of this month. From then until May 13 a Philips Food Mixer, normally priced at nearly £6, will be given away free with every cooker (5 kW and over) purchased from an Electricity Board outlet.

All twelve Boards in England and Wales, plus the two Boards in Scotland and the Jersey Electric Company are participating. It is the first time that the Boards and all manufacturers have joined together for a selling operation of this size.

The Electricity Council, who are co-ordinating the campaign, have planned heavy TV and press advertising support. Peak-time commercials, using 15 seconds and 45 seconds spots, will be used throughout the six weeks and supporting these will be full colour "wall-paper" whole pages in the national press. Electricity Board supporting promotions will use provincial and local newspaper advertising, in some cases local TV and a full range of point of sale display material and literature.

Said Mr. R. H. Phillips, Director of the Electricity Council's EDA Division: "Co-operation in electrical selling is the key to a successful future for the whole electrical trade. This premium offer is an example of what co-ordinated campaigning can achieve. We have selected cookers because this is a market in which we have had steady growth at the expense of rival fuels for years. Now we must accelerate the long term trend."

Results of the "premium offer" campaign will be studied by the industry's marketing experts. Plans for further co-operative campaigns have been pencilled into slots in the Council's overall promotional calendar.

The start of this cooker premium offer coincided with the launching of the major "Better Things are Electric" campaign which the Electricity Council is using for the 1967/8 promotions.

MANWEB's support for the 'premium offer' campaign took the form of point-of-sale displays in all our shops and an advertisement (16 inches deep by 2 columns wide) which appeared for two weeks in newspapers circulating throughout the Board's area. A smaller reproduction of the advertisement is shown here.

Staff concessions on this offer have been modified.

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