

CONTACT

April 1974



"Easter Chick!"
(See page 66)

OUR COVER PICTURE

A winter of crisis and problems lies behind us, so it is pleasant to be able to greet Easter—and Spring—with something so cheerful as a picture of **Jenny Griffiths** a clerk in Revenue, surrounded by daffodils in bloom on the terrace at Head Office.

The picture comes from **Mr. Frank Astbury**, a leading light in the Head Office Photographic Society, and in future the back cover of *Contact* will be available for the reproduction of outstanding photographs by members of the staff.

They must be taken within the MANWEB area, and should have some kind of connection—however limited—with MANWEB or its people. And we'll pay £5 for every one published! Come on, camera enthusiasts—let us see what you can do (black and white only please).

ANNUAL E.E.I.B.A. BALL

The Annual Ball organised by the West Lancashire, Merseyside and North Wales Branch of the Electrical and Electronic Industries Benevolent Association was held recently at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool.

It was a complete 'sell-out' with 550 people enjoying an excellent dinner and later, dancing to the music of the Barry Franks Five.



The little old lady who called at our shop in Grange Road West, Birkenhead, wouldn't give her name—but she handed to shop supervisor, Mr. Jack Casson an envelope, containing £3, for the John Nolan Fund. She'd read about the appeal in the local paper.

A few days later she was back again—with another envelope—this time from a couple of friends. Inside was another £4 (including two ten-bob notes in mint condition). Still she declined to reveal her identity.

As Mr. Casson said, in a note to D.C.E. George Bowers—"Some of my lost faith in human nature has been restored!"

Then we had a couple of visitors to the Southport shop when one of our local pensioners came in with his wife and handed over a parcel for the John Nolan Fund. Inside was a beautiful hand-made teddy bear.

These are just a couple of examples taken at random, to show the way in which all kinds of people, friends and strangers

alike, have helped to swell the funds.

Just before going to press with this issue of *'Contact'*, Mr. Ron Hanson informed us that the MANWEB organised contributions to the Fund had now reached £1500.

WEDDINGS

HUGHES—ROBERTS

Congratulations to Miss Barbara Roberts, a clerk in Revenue at Head Office, and Mr. Graham Hughes, a welder at Brymbo Steelworks, who were married recently at the United Reform Church at Mold.



LENNON—GREESON

Best wishes for a happy future to Miss Deborah Greeson, a clerk with our North Mersey District and Mr. David Lennon, a motor mechanic, who were married at St. Helen's Church, Crosby a short time ago.



GOLDEN WEDDING

Our congratulations go to Mr. Hugh Griffith Jones ('Buckley' Jones) and his wife Rachel, who celebrated their 50 years of married life recently. 'Buckley,' retired from his job as engineer with the former Area 4 in 1964. We wish them both health and happiness.



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EDITORIAL

Explaining the Facts

A STRONG contender for the title of most unpopular item in the Chancellor's budget package would certainly be the news that domestic electricity prices are to go up by an average 30%.

For every family electricity is an indispensable item, and it must be accepted that an increase of this order will add strain to many budgets. Yet the fact that our industry, even with such an increase, will still be operating at a loss, is telling evidence of the degree to which unreality has permeated domestic electricity prices.

Squeezed between rocketing external costs, on the one hand, and tariff restraint on the other, the financial position of the supply industry has grown increasingly more difficult. To a growing degree domestic electricity has been an increasingly "good buy," in a world of rising energy costs. If domestic tariffs had continued to remain artificially low, the likely result would have been an ever-increasing demand which could only have made our financial problems worse.

It will not be easy to get the public to understand, and accept, the facts behind the increase. No-one likes a seven per cent pay rise in one hand, and a 30 per cent price increase in the other.

In explaining to the public that the new tariffs are the result of massive increases in the price of power station fuel, and that they are an unpalatable but inevitable part of the national economic dilemma, there will be a public relations job to do for every man and woman on the MANWEB staff.

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Please let the Editorial staff know of any large-scale or unusual engineering schemes or commercial projects going on in your department. We are interested in people too! Contact us about your interesting personalities with a story to tell.

NORTH WIRRAL EMPLOYEES' ANNUAL MEETING



Mr. Telfer, left, and Mr. Slee, right, talk with their guests Mr. Rigby and Mr. Ardern.

The Last Shall be First

ALTHOUGH the last of our Districts to hold their Employees' Annual Meeting for the 1973/74 season, staff at North Wirral were the first to hear a report on the working of their Local Advisory Committee during the current year.

The meeting was held in mid-March at the Riverside Restaurant, New Brighton with Mr. H. Telfer (*Group Manager*) presiding. After an excellent meal, he opened the business side of the meeting by welcoming the special guests, Messrs. D. G. Dodds (*Chairman*), A. P. Whyte (*Chief Accountant*), R. Stewart (*Energy Sales Manager*), E. Ardern (*District Organiser T.G.W.U.*) and visitors from the



District Officers with guests. From left to right: Messrs. R. Stewart, D. G. Tomsett (*District Administrative Officer*), A. P. Whyte and G. Bowers (*District Commercial Engineer*).

Liverpool and North Mersey Local Advisory Committees.

The special guest speaker for the evening was Mr. W. Rigby, Chief Inspector in the Trading Standards Department for the County Borough of Wallasey.

Following these introductions and a toast to the retired members of the staff, Mr. Telfer called on Mr. Jack Bradley (*Principal Assistant—Admin.*) as Secretary to the No. 5 L.A.C. to present his report.

He said that on the Welfare front, members of the Committee had made a number of visits to staff on prolonged sick leave and that to date, some 950 calls

had been made since the scheme started.

"These visits," he continued, "were in addition to the many calls made by the special panel of visitors to members of the Manual Workers Benevolent Society."

He went on to inform his audience that in the last twelve months the Society had received 18 applications for assistance and grants totalling £580 had been made.

"Membership of the Society is open to all manual staff in the District," he said, "and subscriptions are only two-pence a week. At the moment we have about 80 per cent of the District manual staff in the scheme and I now appeal to the remaining 20 per cent to join this beneficial scheme as soon as possible."

Mr. Bradley then spoke of the change in procedure in respect of long service awards. "As soon as you qualify with 25, 35 or 45 years' service, you now get your award immediately, and the scope of choice of gift has been widened," he said.

He then paid tribute to all members of the District Office staff who had put up with a great deal of inconvenience during the structural alterations at Craven Street. The work was completed in September last year and all through the period of disruption, work efficiency had been maintained at a high standard.

Some of the pensioners who attended the Meeting.



Turning to the subject of first aid, Mr. Bradley said that instruction to isolated groups of workers was now being given. He said that the number of qualified first-aiders in the North Wirral District was low, but hoped that the new course about to start would attract more members, especially DJIC staff.

On safety, Mr. Bradley reported that there had been 64 accidents reported during the year and where necessary, supervisors had been advised on additional safety precautions. He emphasised that it was up to each and every member of the staff to become more safety conscious and if they saw a hazard, to remove it or report it immediately.

He brought his report to a close by saying a few words about the Spring and Summer Schools and wondered why there was such a lack of interest



among NJIC staff to attend these excellent diversions.

Mr. Telfer then thanked all members of the Local Advisory Committee for the conscientious work they had put in during the past year.

Then Mr. Dodds addressed the assembly very briefly saying how delighted he was to have the opportunity of meeting so many members of the District staff at one time. He went on to recount some amusing incidents he had come across in accident reports and choice of award for long service. He concluded by expressing the Board's grateful thanks to all members of the staff for carrying out their work so efficiently during the testing time of the recent emergency.

Next on the agenda was guest speaker Mr. Rigby who gave a most enlightening talk on the services provided by the Trading Standards Department.



One of their main concerns was weights and measures which, he said, started as an art but had now become an applied science.

He mentioned that the earliest weights were found in Egypt and dated back to about 3,800 B.C. Our own first recorded law dealing with uniformity in weight and measure was in 965 A.D. for before this, everyone had their own ideas about weights and measures dependent upon whether they were buying or selling.

He continued to trace the history of the various laws, made and scrapped, right up to the Weights and Measures Act of 1824 which introduced the Imperial Measure—now being replaced by the metric system.

Mr. Rigby said that we now had about 1,500 inspectors of weights and measures (*many under*



varying titles), and their roles had changed considerably during the last six years or so. He said that they were endeavouring to be guides, counsellors and friends to all purchasers.

Their prime duty was still to maintain a uniform system of weights and measures and control appliances and machines for weighing and measuring goods.

He spoke of the Trade Descriptions Act and various other trading standards and laws covering the adulteration of food with laws dating back to 1860. He said that the new Merseyside Council would have their Trading Standards Officers testing about 6,500 samples of food every year.

In conclusion, Mr. Rigby advised his listeners that if they had any complaints about traders giving short weight or short measure, then before complaining to the Trading Standards Officer in their

area they should have evidence which would stand up in a court of law. Without this evidence, the officer could not possibly take up the complaint.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Rigby was proposed by Mr. Fred Slee (*mains foreman*) as Vice-Chairman of the No. 5 L.A.C.

The Open Forum session opened and closed in record time as there were no written or verbal questions from the staff.

Then on to the social side, disco dancing was enjoyed to music provided by Mr. C. S. Shimmin (*System Engineer*) from our North Mersey District.



New Split Level from Belling



Star feature in the exhibition of their latest model electrical appliances recently staged by Belling and Co. Ltd., was the new Classic Ninety oven-grill unit and built-in boiling unit.

Having the space age look, this elegant piece of kitchen furniture, *pictured left*, is finished in black with brushed anodised metal surround.

The Classic Ninety has a large capacity fan oven with automatic timing, glass-panelled door, oven light, removable oven roof and back and the door can be hung on the left or the right.

The large double grill unit—a mini oven—is most economical in use for when cooking small meals one half of the grill can be switched off. A new style cradle holds the grill pan firmly in position when serving.

The completely new separate boiling unit is a real space saver with its stainless-steel cover which when raised acts as a splashback and when the plates are not in use, can be lowered to cover the plates, automatically switching them off, to form a precious working surface.

Chief Officer's Walkabout

... at Old Swan

On a visit to Liverpool District's Old Swan shop in Prescott Road, Chief Commercial Officer Mr. M. R. Cowan, *right*, met Mr. E. McDonnell (*supervisor*), *centre*, and Mr. E. Townsend (*senior salesman*), *left*.



Right: At New Crane Street, from left to right, Messrs. P. Frost (*chargehand*), T. Parry (*storekeeper*), J. Ashbrook (*Commercial foreman*), J. W. Forrester (*Installation Engineer*), M. R. Cowan (*C.C.O.*) and J. A. Winchester (*District Commercial Engineer*).
Below: Dee Valley Commercial staff with Mr. Cowan.



... and Dee Valley District

During his day trip around the Dee Valley District, Mr. Cowan was conducted round Dunlop Ltd., Rubber Plastics Division factory on the Wrexham Industrial Estate. Our picture, *left*, was taken at the substation on site and shows, from left to right, Mr. J. A. Winchester (*District Commercial Engineer*), Dr. F. Scognamiglio (*Chief Engineer, Dunlop Ltd.*), Messrs. E. Jones (*electrician*), N. E. Hayes (*3rd assistant engineer*), T. O. Jones (*Commercial foreman*) and M. R. Cowan (*C.C.O.*). Jointing the cable is apprentice electrician Mr. P. S. Davies.



PRIZE CROSSWORD

Here we have another puzzle to test you. This time we are indebted to a former colleague Mr. E. W. Ashby of Liverpool for setting this teaser.

The competition is open to all MANWEB employees, pensioners and their families, but only one entry per person please. Use the puzzle on this page or—if you don't want to spoil the magazine—entries on plain paper will be accepted.

Send yours to *The Editor, 'Contact,' MANWEB Head Office Sealand Road, Chester CH1 4LR.* Please mark your envelope 'Crossword.'

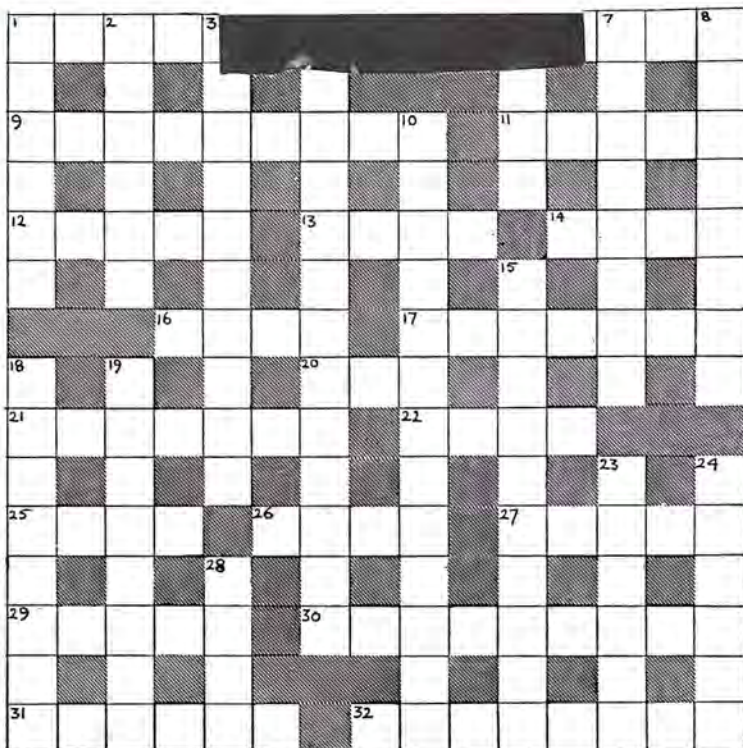
Prizes of £3 will be awarded to the first three all-correct solutions opened on **May 1st.**

Across

- 1 Understood (8)
- 5 At the top (6)
- 9 A worker in wood (9)
- 11 Twilled cotton fabric (5)
- 12 Could be species of toad or pigeon (5)
- 13 Ova (4)
- 14 On this very spot (4)
- 16 The weather cock said "I don't which way to turn" (4)
- 17 Can be a great help (7)
- 20 Dangerous when thin (3)
- 21 Not so good (7)
- 22 At the fingertip (4)
- 25 Nine for a London Borough (4)
- 26 City on the River Jumna (4)
- 27 Mohammedan ruler: just arrived (5)
- 29 Does this dance make one paler (5)
- 30 In a petty manner (9)
- 31 Wish (6)
- 32 They are not identified (8)

Down

- 1 Cutting (6)
- 2 I am first, you are second (6)
- 3 Only the best (10)
- 4 Is it time to switch on? (13)
- 6 Reverse (4)



- 7 Eaten at Xmas (8)
- 8 Modified (8)
- 10 Classification (6, 7)
- 15 Setting to work (10)
- 18 Accomplished (8)
- 19 They are braved (8)
- 23 Ripe and softened (6)
- 24 City on the River Seine (6)
- 28 Can be a jar (4)

LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

The three prizes of £3 each go to **Mr. John Frodsham**, Head Office Warehouse, Queensferry, **Mr. T. Coleman**, Meter Dept., Lister Drive and **Mrs. Eveline Godwin**, North Wirral District.

Solution

Across

1 Jaundice. 5 Saucer. 9 Nicknames. 11 Asset. 12 Large. 13 Rept. 14 Hero. 16 Itch. 17 Routine. 20 Elf. 21 Oarsman. 22 Odds. 25 Rock. 26 Fiat. 27 Angle. 29 Thorn. 30 Evergreen. 31 Privet. 32 Ascended.

Down

1 Jingle. 2 Uncork. 3 Dinnertime. 4 Comprehensive. 6 Alas. 7 Cosmetic. 8 Rationed. 10 Superfortress. 15 Quadrangle. 18 Doorstep. 19 Broccoli. 23 Agreed. 24 Penned. 28 Knee.

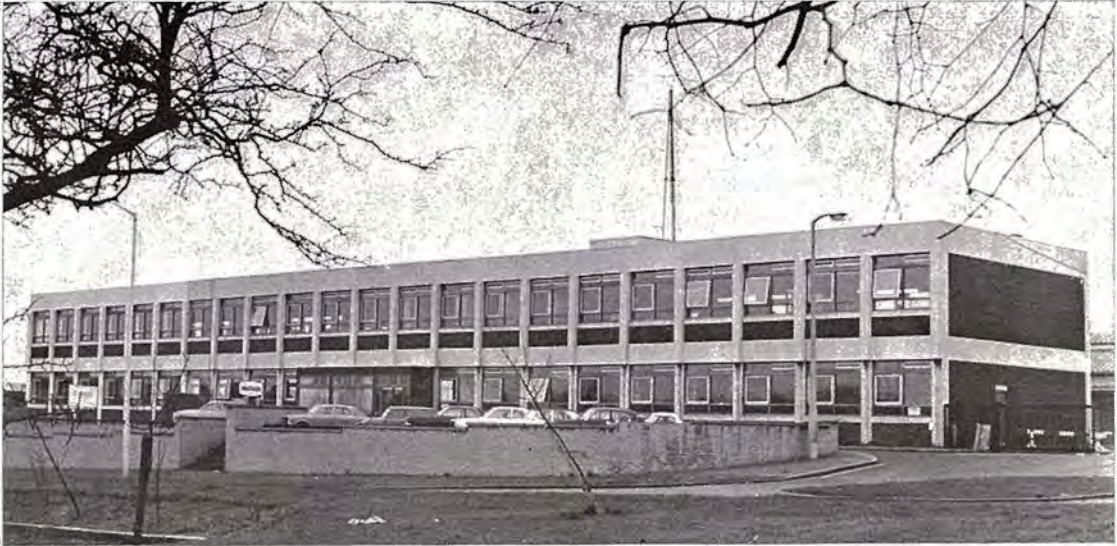
ELECTRIC SUPPLY CRICKET SECTION

DANCE

at Thingwall Road Clubhouse, Liverpool on Saturday, May 18th 8.00 p.m. to Midnight

(Late bar applied for)
Tickets 50p (including V.A.T.)

From: Mal Cooper,
Energy Sales,
Liverpool District.
Tel. 97: 763.

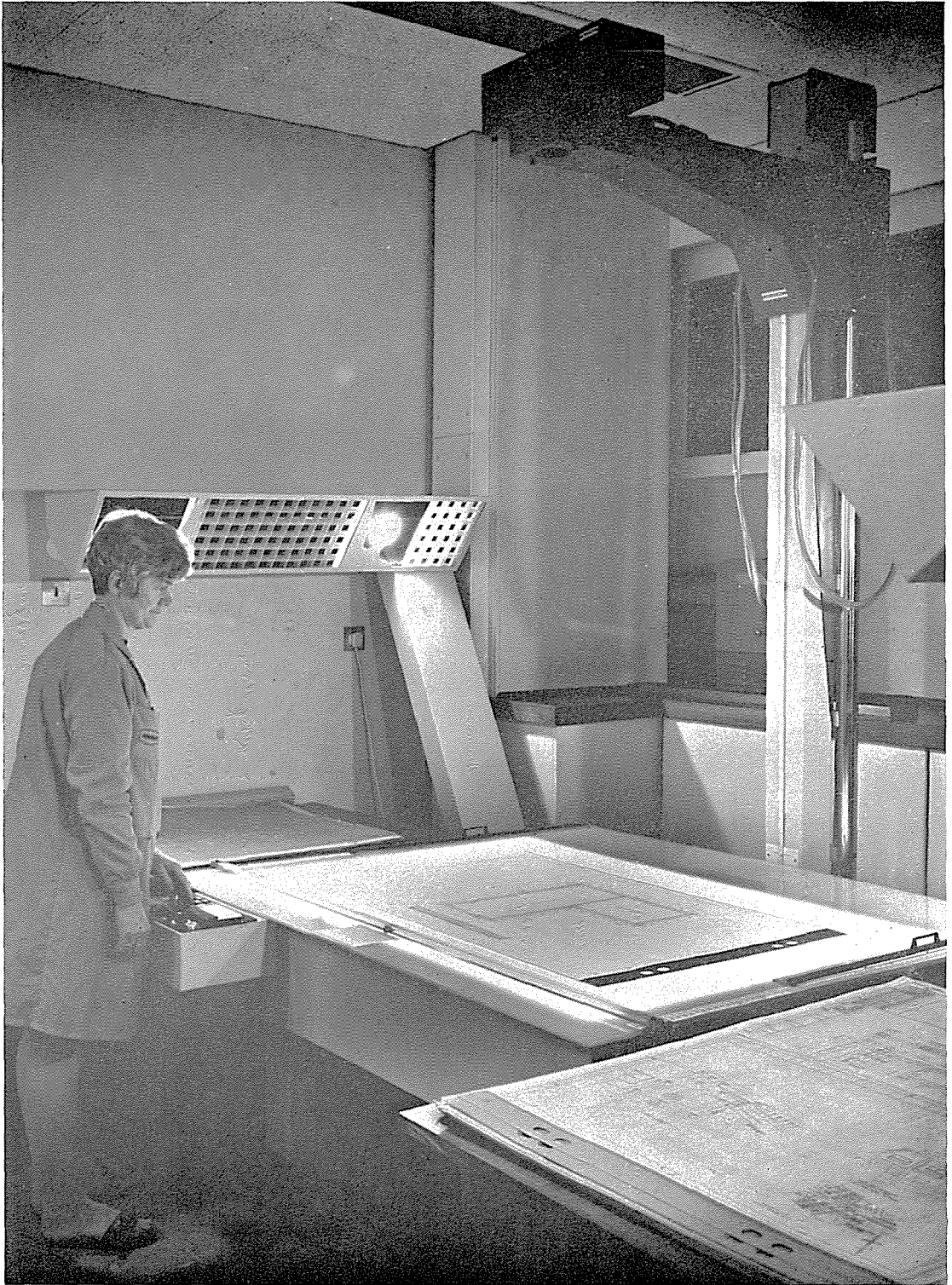


Pictured above is our Mid-Cheshire District Office at Macon Way, Crewe, with its recently added extension. The new portion of the building consists of the six window bays on the left. Contractors J. Jarvis Ltd., completed the contract on time, nine months after cutting the first sod. The work included a new car park and other additions on the site.

Extensions at Macon Way

Inside the new extension looking to the older part of the building. The new section added 4,800 sq. ft. to the former office accommodation, an increase in office space of about 40%. We understand that the work was carried out with the minimum inconvenience to the office staff, who soldiered on during the alterations, working normally.





Mrs. Edith Price, microfilm operator, with her finger on the button to activate the camera to transfer the full-scale drawing on to a minute section of film.

Superspy Techniques at Chester

Records on Microfilm

MENTION 'microfilm' to the average man and he might think of James Bond, state secrets—or even the lace-tags on those made-in-Poland shoes!

But at MANWEB's Head Office the use of the microfilm technique has revolutionised methods of storing and filing an ever-growing mountain of diagrams and drawings, saving a tremendous amount of space and making reference work very much more simple and speedy.

Even before re-organisation it was obvious that something would have to be done about the problem of finding space for storing drawings. This problem became critical when the former Area drawing offices and the Head Office drawing office were combined as one large new engineering drawing office at Sealand Road. Chief draughtsman Mr. Denis Hughes was faced with the headache of finding a



A densitometer being used for checking film gradation and quality. Keeping a watchful eye on things is Mr. Bill Griffiths (*head photographer*).

home for about 137,000 drawings of all sizes, stored in a variety of cupboards and cabinets—with up to 5,000 more documents being added to the pile every year.

Microfilming proved to be the only practical solution, and as a result MANWEB bought a camera with attachments, microscope, film processor, aperture card printer, A1 size printer, and viewers.

Using this equipment all drawings over five years old have been filmed, and the bulky originals destroyed. A small proportion were not suitable for microfilming, and these have been retained, but



Exposed film being fed from a cassette through the fully automatic processor. This unit develops 100 feet of 35 m.m. film (600 exposures) in 25 minutes. The operator in our picture is Mr. Mike Hall (*staff photographer*).



this problem is likely to diminish as draughtsmen produce new drawings to microfilm standards.

Another headache which became apparent on re-organisation was the fact that four different methods of indexing drawings had to be brought together. The compact size of the 'aperture cards' associated with the microfilm system will make it possible for the systems to be integrated and filed on a functional basis which will, in the future, lend itself to mechanical retrieval.

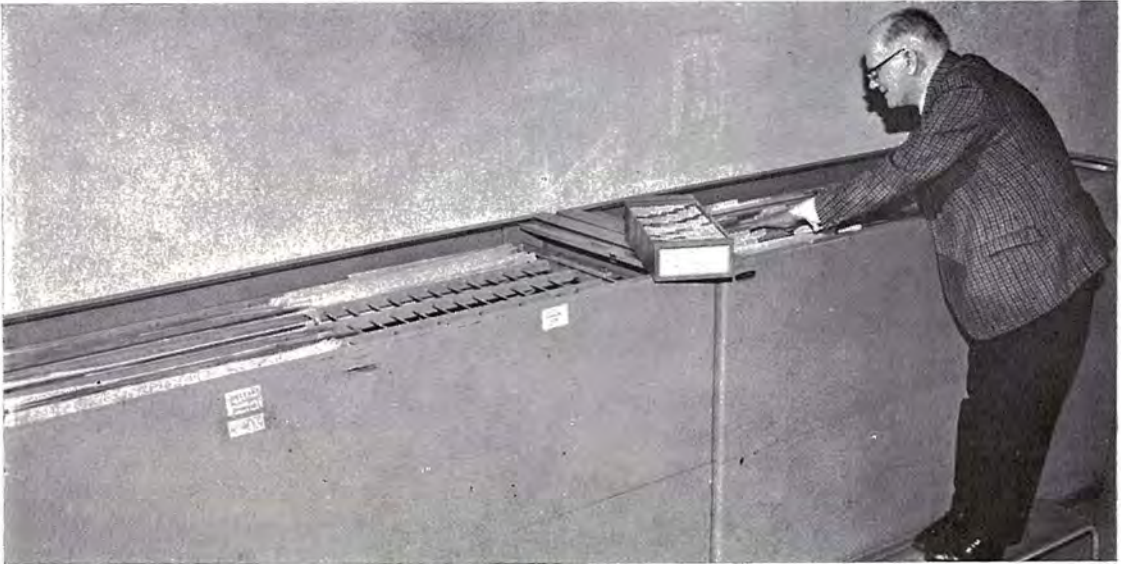
The take-over by MANWEB of the 132,000-Volt system from the CEGB will add another 20,000 drawings to the storage system, and without the microfilm solution this would have meant another big storage problem.

MANWEB is in the forefront of development in this direction. When our programme was begun, only the Yorkshire Board had experience in this line.

Microfilming has meant a major departure from established Drawing Office practice, and there have been difficulties, but thanks to the co-operation and adaptability shown by both our drawing office and photographic department staffs, most of the problems have been overcome. The microfilm programme is fulfilling its promise to save large amounts of valuable office space, and to provide a much more speedy and efficient system of reference.

Mrs. Margaret Edwards, *above*, producing duplicate working aperture cards from an original 35 m.m. silver image film, which is kept as the master copy. Mr. Adrian Chesworth, *below, left*, extracting information with the aid of a viewer, while Mr. Howard Pearson inserts an aperture card into an electrostatic printer which in about ten seconds, produces a full-scale reproduction on paper.





Mr. Arthur James of the Drawing Office, digs deep into the huge storage cabinets searching for a drawing. There are approximately 1,000 drawings in the two cabinets in this picture. The small box seen resting on the top of the cabinets contains approximately 1,000 aperture cards which now take the place of the full-size drawings

Space Saving

Another member of the Drawing Office staff, Mr. Jim Taylor helps to illustrate the big change brought about by microfilming. On the left is the 'old way' with Jim extracting a drawing from a heavy, bulky and awkward filing cabinet. On the right, he shows the 'new way' of electing the aperture card holding a microfilm of the drawing required. So quick and so easy.





Great Night for North Mersey Staff

An inaugural buffet dance organised by the North Mersey District Sports and Social Club was an outstanding success with nearly 300 members and guests thoroughly enjoying a great evening at Bootle Town Hall recently.

Some attractive and interesting spot prizes were won and in the days following many appreciative comments and letters of thanks were received by the Committee.

The function also made a profit!!





Mr. Bill Taunton (*Chairman of the Club*), left, chats with Board Chairman, Mr. Denis Dodds, centre, and Mr. A. W. Hawley (*District Engineer*).



△ Above: Mrs. Rita Tomlin (*Club Secretary*) with guests, Mr. D. G. Gwyn (*Deputy Chairman*), left, and Mr. M. M. Parker (*Secretary and Solicitor*).
Below: From left to right, Mrs. Telfer, Mrs. Dodds and Mrs. Parker.



Road Vehicles to run on Nuclear Energy and Coal

THE settlement of the miners' dispute and the recognition of the importance of the Mining Industry should soon bring back for good the vital supplies of this indigenous fuel to our power stations and provide a stability which will ensure adequate supplies of electricity to us all. Britain's reserves of coal and the scarcely tapped infinite resources of nuclear power will, in this current generation, enable a vast increase in the number of road vehicles propelled by other than diesel or petrol fuels.

The makers of British battery-electric vehicles are prepared for the big increase in demand brought about by the scarcity of oil both short and long term. Although one hopes that the present threat will be eased, there are still two factors with which we must concern ourselves. Firstly, the cost of diesel and petrol has already risen sharply and all the portents are that the rises will continue. Secondly, and this is the longer term problem, the oil wells must eventually run dry and alternative means of propulsion will have to be found for our road vehicles. Whatever the quantities of imported oil will be, both

presently and in the future—one thing is inescapable—our balance of payments will suffer by hundreds of millions of pounds.

Electric vans and trucks can now compete in performance with their diesel and petrol counterparts where city and urban conditions restrict speeds of 30/40 mph and where daily mileages do not exceed 50. For these tasks, battery-electrics are supreme; they have really good acceleration and are ideal for multi-stop-start conditions.

They cost a little more to buy at present rates of production but these will tend to come down as the demand increases. However, no assessment should be based on this first outlay for the running cost and extremely low maintenance and depreciation charges soon offset the higher first cost and, taken over a few years they have an overall cost per mile much less than their competitors.

Not only cheaper, they are almost silent, do not pollute the atmosphere, have no starting problems even in the most arctic conditions and are so simple to drive.

Already the demand is rising from the retail trades, from services organisations, from municipal authorities, hospitals and airports. With each additional electric vehicle on the road, so the oil problem will be eroded. It is in the national interest that the process should be speeded to the maximum and makers of 'electrics' are poised to answer the problems of any potential user.

LIVERPOOL SAFE DRIVERS

The Assistant Chief Constable of Bootle and Liverpool (Mr. J. Bailey), stressed the importance of 'driving defensively' when he presented Safe Driving awards to members of the MANWEB staff at Lister Drive recently.

Ninety-nine members of the District staff gained awards—one Bar to 20-Year Brooch, one 20-Year Brooch, nine Oak Leaf bars to 10-Year Medals, one 10-Year Medal, two 5-Year Medals, 14 Bars to 5-Year Medals, and 71 Diplomas.

Mr. Bailey made the point that in the ROSPA system, if a driver was not to blame in an accident, he was not disqualified for an award.

Still going Strong!

Here are the winners of the 2nd Division Championship of the Liverpool Business Houses Table Tennis League, just 25 years ago!

The original picture, remarkably well-kept and obviously treasured, was sent to us by Mr. Reg Adams from Lister Drive who informed us that three members of this team are still playing table tennis. *From left to right* are Messrs. Syd Green, Ernie Owens and Reg Adams—all still at Lister Drive and all still playing—Syd Lowry (*Lister Drive*), Arnold Longdon (*now with N.C.B.*) and Alf Vickers (*now with "Save and Prosper"*).



Domestic Electricity Prices

Fuel Cost Adjustment Clauses

Following recent oil and coal price increases, the Government have agreed to the extension by the electricity supply industry in England and Wales of fuel cost adjustment clauses to all classes of customer. Previously, this has operated only for the larger industrial and commercial users.

The new arrangement will take effect from May 1st, and means that the price of electricity to the customer will be adjusted up or down as the cost of fuel to the Electricity Boards fluctuates.

Initially, there will be a substantial increase because of the soaring fuel costs which the supply industry has faced in recent months—these have almost doubled in less than a year. Increases to the domestic customer will be in the range of 0.3 of a penny for every unit used. Fuller details will be announced by the individual Area Boards as soon as possible.

Most domestic customers will not be faced with increased bills until after August 1st because their meters are only read quarterly.

Boards are discussing with their Consultative Councils means of keeping customers informed of the effect of fuel cost adjustment on their bills.

Oil prices to the Central Elec-

tricity Generating Board have nearly trebled in recent months, and the National Coal Board increases which will apply from April 1st will add some £170

million in a full year. Fuel will then account for more than half the industry's operating costs.

Although fuel represents an important cost component in the production of electricity, the universal adoption of fuel cost adjustment clauses will still not take account of the other severe cost increases the industry has had to face so that it will still be operating at a substantial loss.



Mrs. Arnold, in buttoned dress, with friends at Bridle Road.

LEAVES BRIDLE ROAD

The good wishes of her host of friends at North Mersey District Office went with Mrs. Joan Arnold, a popular member of the Bonus Section staff at Bridle Road, who left the Board recently to await the arrival of her first baby.

Joan joined MANWEB in 1967 at Love Lane, later transferring to Liverpool District and finally to North Mersey District in 1970.

On behalf of her colleagues she was presented with farewell gifts.

OFF TO NEW ZEALAND

Just beating the new entry controls recently introduced by the New Zealand Government, Mr. Allan G. Stewart (former 3rd assistant engineer at Head Office) should by now have his feet firmly planted in this new land.

After 17 years with MANWEB, he started as a craft apprentice, Allan decided to emigrate with his wife Barbara and their children Paul (10), Diane (9), and Janet (3). Waiting for them 'down under' are his parents who emigrated in 1959.

We join with his colleagues in MANWEB in wishing him success.

Mr. Stewart, right, receives a farewell gift from Mr. A. Perry (Assistant Chief Engineer).



Obituary

We deeply regret to report on the following deaths:

Mr. E. W. MILLWARD

A painter with the former Warrington District staff, Mr. Edward (Ted) W. Millward, aged 76, retired in 1962.

Mr. R. H. YATES

Mr. Richard Harewood Yates was 1st assistant District Commercial Engineer in the former Crewe District until his retirement nine years ago.

'CONTACT' Photographic Competition

SECTIONS AND PRIZES:

COLOUR

Transparencies:

1st Prize	£10
2nd Prize	£5
3rd Prize	£3

Prints:

Best Picture	£5
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BLACK AND WHITE

Best Picture	£5
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COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE

Best Human Portrait	£5
Best Animal Picture	£5
Best Humorous Picture	£5

Rules

1. Entry is free, but is restricted to MANWEB employees, pensioners and their families.
2. Each print or transparency submitted must be the original work and the copyright property of the person submitting it.
3. The Editor reserves the right to reproduce the winning pictures, but a reproduction fee will not be paid.
4. All photographs or transparencies must have been taken since **1st August, 1973**.
5. Only **FIVE** entries per person in **any one section**.
6. Competitors must enclose a note with their entries, clearly stating their name and address (*office, or if a pensioner, home*), the title of each picture, and the section entered.
7. The competition will be judged by an independent panel and their decision is final.
8. Entries should be sent to **The Editor, 'Contact', MANWEB, Head Office, Sealand Road, Chester CHI 4LR**, and the envelope or package marked in the top left hand corner "Photographic Competition."

Great care will be taken of entries, all of which will be returned. When submitting your photographs and/or transparencies, it is advisable to protect them during transmission by post by packing them with a piece of stout cardboard, slightly larger than the photographs themselves.

Closing Date — 30th September, 1974

1975 Outdoor Lighting Awards

The closing date for the notification of entries for the "1975 Outdoor Lighting Awards," which mark the first meeting in this country since 1931 of the International Commission on Illumination, has been extended from 31st May to 30th September 1974.

The awards will be made for built, landscaped and natural environments that have been lit imaginatively for the enjoyment of the local community and visitors. To qualify, lighting schemes must be switched on for the first time between July 1972 and 31st December 1974.

The awards are attracting entries from commercial and private interests as well as local authorities and other public bodies and over 50 entries have already been notified. They include two cathedrals, two churches, historic and modern precincts, company and municipal offices, a hotel, a distillery, a brew-house, a mausoleum, the approach to a seaside pier, a City Livery company and a number of London landmarks along the Thames.

The 1975 Outdoor Lighting Awards are sponsored by the Civic Trust, the Electricity Council, the Lighting Industry Federation, the Local Authority Associations of Great Britain, and the Tourist Boards of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.



Just a few friends and colleagues at Rhostyllen who managed to crowd into the picture on the occasion of the retirement of Miss Nesta Ellis, *right front*. Mr. Peters, who made the farewell presentations on their behalf is in the centre of the picture.

Miss NESTA ELLIS

A food mixer, kettle, and a Wedgewood calendar plate were the farewell gifts presented by Mr. E. T. Peters (*District Engineer*), to Miss Nesta Ellis, who retired from her work as a tracer at Dee Valley Drawing Office a few weeks ago.

Miss Ellis joined MANWEB at Rhostyllen in 1953, and moved to Head Office for a few months in 1971 before making a happy return to Dee Valley.

Her many friends hope she will find plenty of time and enjoyment in her hobbies of gardening, sewing, reading and playing whist. She lives with her mother, a remarkably fit old lady of 90, who has prepared Nesta's lunch every day, while she has been at work.

Retirements

Mr. HAROLD WORSLEY

After 27 years' service to the industry Mr. Harold Worsley, mains foreman at South Lancs District, retired recently. Harold, a keen sportsman, was for many years an enthusiastic visitor to the Isle of Man T.T. Races, and he is an active member of the Lancashire Cricket Club. His hobby is repairing sports motor-cycles.

On behalf of his many friends he was presented with a transistor radio.

Mrs. MURIEL ATKINSON

After 18 years' service to MANWEB at Bootle, Mrs. Muriel Atkinson, a member of the consumer records staff, retired recently. She began at Stanley Road, Bootle, later transferring to Marsh Lane and ultimately to Bridle Road.

On behalf of the many friends she made during her years of service, she was presented with a dress ring by Mr. G. Shoesmith (*District Administrative Officer*) and to conclude the day, an enjoyable social occasion followed at the Royal British Legion Club Maghull (of which her husband is President).

On her last day at the office, Mrs. Atkinson, in check dress, *second left*, says her goodbyes to her many friends at Bridle Road. Mr. Shoesmith, *centre left*, presented her with a parting gift from her colleagues.



FOR SALE

Houses

Connah's Quay. Corner plot detached. 3-bedrooms, through lounge/diner, fully fitted kitchen, hall, half tiled bathroom/w.c., garage. £7,700 o.n.o. Mrs. C. A. Duffy, 1 Machynlleth Way, Dee-side, Flintshire.

Rainhill. Semi-detached. 3-bedrooms, living room, kitchen/dinette, bathroom and w.c., garage, many extras. £7,500. 051-426 0889, after 6 p.m.

Great Sutton—seven miles North of Chester. Modern semi, three bedrooms, hall, lounge, dining-room, sun lounge, bathroom, separate w.c., solid-fuel part central heating. Brick garage. £8,650. 051-339 5564.

Cars

Fiat 124 Special. J reg. 1428 c.c. Ivory. 25,000 miles only. Regularly serviced. Excellent condition. £600. 051-226 0402.

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Stereo record player. BSR auto-deck. Separate bass, treble, volume and balance controls. Two excellent speakers. All in rosewood finish. £35 o.n.o. 051-678 8170 after 6 p.m.

Philips 2202 Cassette recorder and mains adaptor. Janet Shaw, Y.W.C.A., City Road, Chester.

Cassette tapes—Lindisfarne; Fog on the Tyne—Slade; Slayed—Argent; All Together Now—Sound-track of 'A Clockwork Orange.' £1.15 each. Caergwrie 760426.

Unused rear parcel shelf for Maxi. Cost £15. Offers invited. Mr. K. Griffiths, 'Rosemead,' Wrexham Road, Pentrebychan, Wrexham.

Relum high velocity .22 air rifle. Lever loading, competition stock, complete with telescopic sights and shoulder bag. Virtually new. £17.50. Mr. R. D. Sharvin, 9 Calder Ave., Crewe, Cheshire CW1 1NH.

Platform steps, five treads. Ideal for home decorating. Offers invited. Mr. H. Greaves, 17 Brentwood Court, Park Crescent, Southport.

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