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Congratulations!
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WEDDINGS

PAYNE—JONES

Our best wishes for a happy future go to Mr. Raymond W. P. Payne, who works in the garage at our Mold Depot, and



Mr. & Mrs. R. Payne

to Miss Edith A. Jones of Llandegla, who were married a few weeks ago, the ceremony taking place at the bride's local Parish Church.

SLATTER—CROFT

Congratulations to Mr. Norman Slatter, an electrician in the Board's appliance workshop at Llandudno Junction on the occasion of his marriage to



Mr. & Mrs. N. Slatter

Miss Sheila Croft, which took place a short time ago at St. Andrew's Church, Colwyn Bay.

BERRY—BRIMBLECOMB

We offer our heartiest congratulations to the two international swimmers who married

each other recently. They are Mr. Howard Berry, an electrician based at MANWEB's Mold Depot and Miss Anne Brimblecomb, who teaches at the Mold Alyn High School. They became man and wife at a ceremony which took place at the Bistre Methodist Chapel in Buckley.

SMALLWOOD—PIERCY

St. Matthew's Parish Church was the setting for the marriage which took place recently between Mr. Brian Smallwood



Mr. & Mrs. B. Smallwood

and Miss Anne Piercy, a clerk working at our Mold Offices. We wish them both every happiness.

LANCELOTTE—TUDOR

Best wishes for the future to Mr. Reynold Lancelotte and Miss Dilys Tudor on the



Mr. & Mrs. R. Lancelotte

occasion of their marriage which took place at the St. James Parish Church, Rhosddu, a few weeks ago.

Mr. Lancelotte works at the Brymbo Steel Works and Miss Tudor is an assistant in the Statistics Section of the Area 4 Commercial Department. Dilys was presented with a pressure cooker from her friends at Rhyostyllen.

DAVIES—DAVIES

The name remained the same for Miss Anne Davies, a typist receptionist at our Mold Offices when she married Mr. Bryn



Mr. & Mrs. B. Davies

Davies a few weeks ago at Gwernafuld Parish Church. The happy couple now live in Abergele, Anne transferring to our Rhuddlan District Office.

and at St. Helens . . .

We offer our congratulations to two members of the Secretarial staff at St. Helens . . .

Mr. Kenneth M. Roberts, an assistant at Carlton Street, who married Miss Elizabeth Benyon. Friends at the office presented them with a steam iron as a wedding gift.

Mr. W. Tierney who married Miss Teresa Brown, a clerk at our Bridge Street Offices, where the staff presented the happy couple with a barometer.

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Backing MANWEB!

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IT IS an almost universal phenomenon among gregarious species—animal or human—that they tend to squabble among themselves over trivialities until faced with a common threat from an outside agency.

Immediately the situation is transformed. Ranks are quickly closed, fratricidal dissensions forgotten, until the alien threat is repulsed.

The most striking examples of this kind of behaviour among human beings have always manifested themselves in times of war. With "the Hun at the gate"—either literally or metaphorically, party squabbles are put into cold storage and Governments of coalition or national unity take the helm.

So it was in Britain in 1914 and 1940. The enemy was easily identified. The danger was clearly apparent to all. Europe's classic example was, perhaps, Yugoslavia, where the presence of the universal oppressor succeeded in uniting peoples who had been at each other's throat for generations.

Today the Hun may not be at the gate in the accepted sense, but our national leaders leave us in no doubt that the wolf is at the door—or at least, well on his way up the garden path.

Our problem

Others may be deciding to "Back Britain", by working extra hours, increasing production, cutting prices, and so on.

Those who work in electricity supply may find it a little difficult to work out extra ways of joining the fight. Units of electricity do not come from a production line in the same obvious way as motor-cars. Working as we do to the smallest possible surplus margins in the financial sphere, we are in no position to cut prices.

Our industry does, however, have a key role to play. In the economic battle for survival and prosperity, industry, homes, shops, offices and farms are utterly dependent on a reliable electricity supply, and prompt and willing sales and service.

These are the weapons which we can place at the disposal of Britain. By "backing MANWEB" to the hilt in all matters, we are Backing Britain in the most essential way.

The Girl from

Manweb 1968



Miss
Judith
Anne
Hall

SEVEN nervous young ladies, employed in various jobs within the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board organisation, went along to the Board's Head Office in Liverpool recently to face a panel of judges who were to decide which of the seven was to become "The Girl from MANWEB—1968".

As each of the contestants went before the judges, they were soon put at their ease as they began earning points for poise and deportment, beauty of face and figure, personality, speech and their dress sense. When the points had been totted up, the winner, by a very narrow margin, was announced as Miss Judith Anne Hall, a typing pool supervisor from the Board's Area Offices at Sealand Road, Chester. Anne, a titian-haired, brown-eyed, 23-year-old with 34-24-36 statistics received the first prize of £50 and the Sash of Honour plus an extra award of a free Charm Course at the Patricia Platt Model Agency in Liverpool.

For the final judging Anne wore a three-piece French navy and emerald green jersey wool suit.

During her year of office, "The Girl from MANWEB" will be in attendance at a number of exhibitions and shows and other functions taking place in the Board's area.



Second Prize
went to
Miss
Linda
Cox
of Southport

Third Prize
was awarded to
Miss
Vivian
Joanne
Dent
of Crosby





The runners-up, from left to right: Mrs. Patricia Best, Miss Gillian Abrams, Miss Christine Paddock and Miss Heather Macdonald.

In second place and only three points behind was Miss Linda Cox who is just 25-years-old. Linda works for the Board as a demonstrator in the Southport District and she received a prize of £20. Third place and the £10 prize went to 21-year-old Miss Vivian Joanne Dent, a trainee demonstrator working at the MANWEB Shop at Allerton, Liverpool.

The four runners-up, who each received a consolation prize of a Beauty Box by Avon, were Miss Gillian Abrams, a clerk at Sealand Road Offices, Mrs. Patricia Best, a multilith operator at Head Office, Miss Heather MacDonald, a receptionist at Head Office and Miss Christine Janett Paddock an audio typist at our Crew District.

This was the first time that a competition of this kind has been held within the Board and the

many attractive young ladies employed as clerks, demonstrators, shop assistants and typists in the various offices and depots from Southport to Aberystwyth and from Holyhead to Crewe were a little reticent about entering. In all, 40 young ladies were sponsored by their friends and colleagues, 12 coming from Head Office, seven from Area 1, 16 from Area 2/3, and five from Area 4. The first judging was done on the photographs submitted by the contestants and this resulted in the seven finalists being selected. Two were from Head Office, two from Area 1, two from Area 2/3 and one from Area 4.

OUR COVER PICTURE shows Mr. D. G. Dodds (Chairman) being the first to congratulate Miss Judith Anne Hall on becoming "The Girl from MANWEB-1968".

The judges, who had the very difficult task of selecting the winner. From left to right: Mrs. Dorothy Taylor ('Avon' Cosmetics), Mr. D. G. Gwyn (Deputy Chairman), Mrs. Doreen Tysall (Principal of the Patricia Platt Model Agency, Liverpool), and Mr. M. R. Cowan (Chief Commercial Officer).





MANWEB Chairman, Mr. D. G. Dodds, *third from left*, congratulates the men who received their 45-year awards, *from left to right*, Messrs. J. W. Jones, T. Garvey and W. L. Yates.

Long Service Awards at Area 1 . . .

WASHING machines, silver tea sets, eight-day clocks, canteens of cutlery, wrist watches, refrigerators and radios were some of the items chosen by members of our Area 1 staff who received their Long Service Awards a few weeks ago at a ceremony held in the Bluecoat Chambers in Liverpool.

Opening the proceedings, Mr. J. Taylor (Manager, Area 1) said that at this ceremony, 37 employees would be receiving awards and their combined length of service in the electricity supply industry amounted to nearly 1,200 years. He went on to say that since the awards were initiated in 1953, there had been 1,185 presentations made in Area 1 to staff who had jointly put in 35,649 years of service.

Mr. Taylor then said that he had great pleasure in welcoming Mr. D. G. Dodds (Chairman) who

had come along to make the presentations. In reply, Mr. Dodds said how pleased he was to be present and he endorsed Mr. Taylor's remarks of appreciation of the service given by the members of the staff who were to receive their awards.

He commented on the fact that some of the recipients had started work in the industry as long ago as 1922 and the fact that they were here today, and still doing a good day's work, was a tribute to the individuals and to the industry they worked for.

Family contribution

Mr. Dodds said that all long serving employees should acknowledge their families contribution to their working life—especially the wives who often had meals ready when the men were held up at the office, or were on a cable job, and when



Above: Some of the recipients of the 25-year awards with Senior Officers from Area 1, Mr. A. M. Riley, *7th from left*, Mr. H. Telfer, *11th from left*, Mr. W. Wallwork, *14th from left* and Mr. P. C. Winter, *extreme right*.

Below: Area Manager Mr. J. Taylor, *4th from right, front row*, with members of his staff who received their 35-year awards.



they finally did arrive home, they were able to unload their troubles on their spouses who were the shock absorbers and the safety valves against frustrations and irritations.

Mr. Dodds concluded his brief address by offering very sincere thanks on behalf of the Board to those who were to receive awards for all that they had done and would continue to do for many years to come, in contribution to MANWEB's achievements.

The Awards presented were as follows:

45 Years

Messrs. J. W. Jones (jointer e.h.t., South); T. Garvey (assistant installation inspection engineer, North); and W. L. Yates (mains foreman, North).

35 Years

Messrs. A. R. Cooper (senior assistant engineer (Operation), Area Office); J. Poulson (mains foreman, Central); E. Clay (plumber, North); C. F. Walmsley (assistant consumers' engineer, Central); E. J. Neary (mains foreman, South); G. W. Range (mains foreman, Central); G. Gornall (driver, Area Office); A. O'Donovan (chargehand electrician, Area Office); T. Brownhill (jointer, Central); J. Warren (mains foreman,

Central); R. Cook (jointer, Southport); J. A. Burgess (jointer, South); A. Cassie (senior assistant, Clerical, Area Office); J. Baxter (jointer, North); R. A. McMinn (assistant, Clerical South); J. H. Stokes (jointer, Central); F. Clark (jointer, North); E. Doran (meter reader, Area Office); and J. Barton (jointer, South). J. F. Graham Glover, (District Senior Clerk, Southport).

25 Years

Mrs. P. M. Tucker (typist, Central); Miss J. Abraham (assistant (Revenue), Area Office); Miss I. M. Brady (assistant (Revenue), Area Office); Messrs. H. Perry (chargehand electrician, South); T. Eagleton (electrician, North); R. Frackleton (telephone operator, Area Office); G. K. Lawson (clerk, Area Office); K. Woodward (senior assistant (Wages and Salaries), Area Office); J. S. Burgess (3rd assistant commercial engineer, Area Office); E. Payne (electrician, South); J. Wignall (1st assistant District Commercial Engineer, North); G. D. Neal (chargehand fitter, North); T. Saladine (senior salesman, Area Office); and J. S. Burgoyne (senior assistant, Cash and Banking, Area Office).

... and at Head Office

After the traditional get-together for a Christmas Dinner, staff at Head Office joined with Mr. D. G. Dodds (Chairman) in paying tribute to their colleagues who were presented with Long Service Awards and Certificates. Our picture shows the recipients, from left to right: Messrs. J. R. Whittle (electrician, Test Laboratory), 25 years; D. St. C. Barrie (Senior Assistant Commercial Engineer), 35 years; T. R. Smith (Assistant Chief Commercial Officer), 35 years; H. Wilson (2nd assistant engineer, Technical), 25 years; and E. V. Owen (Administrative Officer), 35 years. Mr. E. J. Lollar (Chief Accountant) and Mr. H. T. Edwards (Principal Assistant, Sales) were unable to be present to receive their 35 year awards



CAERNARVON CONFERENCE

About 150 people—an extremely good turn-out—attended the Employees' Annual Conference organised by No. 18 L.A.C., and held at the Royal Hotel, Caernarvon, recently.

The evening began with a hot-pot supper and words of welcome from Mr. N. Maden (District Manager), then L.A.C. Secretary, Mr. Errol Griffiths, presented his report, paying particular attention to safety matters.

Mr. K. Helliwell (Area 4 Manager) then spoke on the financial report, with particular reference to the rise in electricity prices.

Guest speaker for the evening was the Mayor of Caernarvon, Mr. I. B. Griffith. The Mayor was accompanied by his wife, while other guests included the Director of Education (Mr. Mansel Williams) and his wife.

Safe Driving Awards won by members of the District staff were presented by Mr. D. G. Gwyn (Deputy Chairman of the Board), and the evening finished with informal discussion.

The Awards were as follows:—

Oak Leaf Bar to Ten-Year Medal: Messrs. J. E. Butterworth, G. Davies, W. J. Hunt, J. T. Jones, W. T. Jones, E. Morris, R. I. Morris, W. H. Morris, G. W. Roberts, A. M. Tyler, I. Williams, J. Williams and J. C. Williams.

Ten-Year Medal: Mr. J. S. Jones.

Bar to Five-Year Medal: Messrs. O. Griffiths,



Mr. D. G. Gwyn (Deputy Chairman), left, presents an Oak Leaf Bar to Mr. E. Morris, a foreman at Llanberis.

A. Ll. Hughes, E. Jones, R. D. Jones, W. Jones, R. E. Owen, A. K. Richardson, J. G. Roberts, C. G. Williams and R. Williams.

Five-Year Medal: Messrs. T. L. Jones and E. Phillips.

Diploma: Messrs. R. Davies, O. Edwards, C. Hughes, W. L. Hughes, A. C. Humphreys, A. Jones, E. Jones, G. Jones, J. C. Jones, L. Jones, M. Jones, R. D. Jones, T. E. Jones, W. B. Lloyd, H. S. Roberts, H. W. Roberts, R. G. Roberts, G. Thomas, E. H. Williams, H. I. Williams, J. D. Williams and R. J. Williams.

Exemption Certificates: Messrs. J. R. Beach, G. Evans and T. W. Jones.

Mr. A. F. Jones, B.E.M.

We offer our sincere congratulations to our colleague Mr.



Arthur Frederick Jones on his being awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours List. Mr. Jones works as a mains foreman at Llandudno Junction in the Board's Conway Valley District.

He has just completed 44 years' service in the electricity supply industry starting as an apprentice with the Conway Corporation Electricity Department. In 1929 he became a cable jointer and four years later was made up to foreman—at 23-years of age!

Over the years, Mr. Jones' services have proved invaluable in the Conway Valley District, and his willingness to put in that little bit of extra effort has proved on many occasions to be

quite infectious. Mr. A. W. Hawley (District Manager) said, "He is extremely popular with his men and the engineers he serves, and we are all delighted that Mr. Jones, and through him, all the District staff, should be so honoured."

In his younger days, Mr. Jones was an enthusiastic and voluntary member of the local Fire Brigade, serving from 1928 until 1949.

He is now very active in the fields of joint consultation within the industry being a member of the No. 15 Local Advisory Committee of the Merseyside and North Wales District Joint Advisory Council.

Again we say, Congratulations—Mr. A. F. Jones, B.E.M.

Southport Staff Meeting

A change of venue to the Floral Hall annexe on Southport's Promenade proved most successful for the Annual Meeting of District employees which was held a few weeks ago.

After welcoming the guests from Head Office and Area 1 Office, also the many former employees, Mr. L. J. Scudamore (District Manager) explained that the theme for the Meeting was "First-Aid". He then went on to speak of the work done by the Local Advisory Committee during the previous twelve months, saying that great strides had been made in the fields of accident prevention and efficiency.

Mr. Scudamore then went on to quote some encouraging figures produced by the efforts of all the District staff. Contracting up by 28 per cent—all customers now on standard voltage—1,500 customers with 'off-peak' supply—10,800 consumer service calls made—and the supply system in a very healthy state. He added that all the District staff should now look forward to a year of hard



The Open Forum panel in session. From left to right: Messrs. H. Reynolds, K. F. Mitchell, L. J. Scudamore, J. Heaton and R. I. Jowett.

selling of more and more electricity.

The Meeting continued with the famous Chester Ladies First-Aid team giving a practical demonstration of their skills which met with thundering applause. Then Mr. M. R.

Brown (salesman) gave a short and interesting talk on ways of increasing sales in the District.

After a lively Open Forum session, with a ten minute time limit on each question, the delegates settled down to enjoy an excellent Hot-Pot supper.



The Chester Ladies First-Aid team with the 'casualty' all wrapped up, at the end of their special demonstration.

Some of the audience at the Southport Conference. ▼



Staff Conferences at Warrington



JUST one hundred and one people turned up at the Masonic Hall in Warrington a few weeks ago to enjoy a dinner and hear some interesting talks at the District's Annual Open Meeting.

Mr. R. G. Monk (District Commercial Engineer) as Chairman of the No. 7 Local Advisory Committee welcomed everyone to the Meeting recognising the presence of a number of senior officers from Head Office and Area 2/3 Office before introducing the guest speaker for the evening, Lt. Col. R. E. Rowbottom, M.B.E., Chief Constable of Warrington County Borough Police. The Chairman then made apologies for the absence of the other guest speaker, Mr. J. L. W. Ladner (Education and Training Officer) who was indisposed.

Following an excellent dinner, Mr. Monk reported on the work of the L.A.C. during the year. Then Mr. J. W. Trimble (Manager, Area 2/3) spoke on the achievements of the Board during the same period and making full use of the popular version of the Board's Annual Report summary, he brought out a number of interesting facts and figures. In one instance he showed that during the last ten years, the price of electricity had risen only half as fast as other goods and products throughout the country.

He also pointed out that the electricity industry paid out £33 million in rates. Locally, MANWEB had paid £1 million and the C.E.G.B. in this area had paid out another million pounds. This worked out at about £2 for every MANWEB customer.

Mr. Trimble concluded by saying that last year the picture may have appeared rather gloomy, but

he urged everyone not to be pessimistic—that the future was electric. He said that to paint a brighter picture we should first improve productivity and keep down the costs. "We have plenty of energy to sell, so we should go all out to sell it . . . sell energy, sell appliances, sell contracting."

Then Lt. Col. Rowbottom came forward to present Safe Driving Awards to members of the District staff. He said that to do this gave him very great pleasure as he appreciated that the men concerned were making some contribution to safety on the roads. He went on to quote some of the figures of people killed and injured on the roads, "many of these roads being made in the horse and buggy days".

However, it was the man behind the wheel, the irresponsible driver, the man in a hurry, who caused most accidents, he said.

The Chief Constable went on to say that some people regarded the use of the breathalyser as not playing the game, but as far as the police were concerned it was no game when people's lives were concerned. He said that we should all be prepared to lose a little bit of freedom if we could save a few more lives. "I am convinced that the law is right and proper and I am right behind Mrs. Castle on this," he continued.

In Warrington, he informed us, eleven people had been tested with the breathalyser and six of these had proved negative. He said that the police were out to catch the really drunken driver and to make sure that the courts would convict.

It's the driver who counts

In conclusion, Lt. Col. Rowbottom said that no matter how good the road or how good the vehicle, it was the driver who counted, and that the Safe Drivers of MANWEB who had just received their awards helped to prove this point.

A lively and interesting Open Forum session was next on the agenda and a number of questions ranging from the setting up of a pensioners association, to the merging of District Offices were well and truly aired.

The Safe Driving Awards were presented to the following members of the District staff:

Bar to Ten-Year Medal: Messrs. H. Brandwood, R. Cartledge, H. Challinor, H. Forster, A. A. Heathwood, E. Hutchinson, C. Kenyon and J. Smith.

Ten-Year Medal: Messrs. A. Lawton and J. J. Waller.

Bar to Five-Year Medals: Messrs. C. Antrobus, H. D. Briggs, H. G. Gleave, R. A. Penlington,

Simplicity is electricity itself

J. Tart, D. Tomlinson, A. Warburton and J. E. Willis.

Five-Year Medal: Mr. R. Bramhall.

Diploma: Messrs. E. Appleton, L. Bowler, J. A. Brown, E. Burgess, L. Crosby, B. Fitton, J. M. Fletcher, S. Ford, A. E. Hill, A. Horrabin, A. Houghton, W. F. Kay, T. O. Mannion, R. MacCartney, J. Povey, R. B. Smallwood, A. Standing, C. A. Swift (*now Runcorn District*) and H. Worsley.

Wrexham . . .

THIS year, the Wrexham District Employees' Conference, organised by the No. 12 Local Advisory Committee, took on a different pattern in that it became an evening meeting for the very first time.

All previous Conferences in the Wrexham District have been held on Saturdays, with morning and afternoon sessions, but on the recommendation of the Conference Sub-committee, the change to an evening meeting might attract more members of the staff who were unable to attend Saturday Conferences for various reasons. A change of date was also suggested. In the past the Meetings have been held in the early part of the year, but it was now felt that it would be more appropriate to meet at a time closer to the

date of the publication of the Board's Annual Report when questions on MANWEB's progress would be more topical.

Armed with these recommendations the Local Advisory Committee arranged a Conference for a Friday evening, at the usual hotel in Wrexham town, the proceedings to commence with a dinner.

The new venture proved quite successful and attracted an attendance of about 160 employees. Following the dinner, a general welcome was given by Mr. E. T. Peters (District Manager) as Chairman of the Local Advisory Committee. Booklets prepared by Mr. Eifion Jones, the Committee's Secretary, containing detailed accounts of the work carried out by the L.A.C. were distributed to those present.

Mr. K. Helliwell (Manager, Area 4) gave an interesting talk reviewing the year's workings, often quoting from the Board's Annual Report. He stressed the progress made by Area 4 and in particular Wrexham District.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. J. W. Anderson, the District Labour Relations Officer and Secretary of No. 9 District Joint Advisory Council. Mr. Anderson gave an interesting address dealing with Industrial Relations and later took an active part in the Open Forum panel which dealt with a number of questions raised by members of the District staff.

. . . and Chester

The Annual Open Meeting for employees in the Chester District and at Sealand Road Offices was held some little time ago at a Chester restaurant. After a meal of Lancashire Hot-Pot—with all the trimmings—Mr. G. H. O. Speaight (District Commercial Engineer) reported on the work of No. 11 Local Advisory Committee and then Mr. J. W. Trimble (Manager Area 2/3) spoke on the Board's activities during the last financial year. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. J. L. W. Ladner (Education and Training Officer) who gave a very interesting address. Our picture shows, *from left to right:* Messrs. G. B. Terry (Vice-Chairman of No. 11 L.A.C.), J. W. Trimble, G. H. O. Speaight and J. L. W. Ladner.





Chief Inspector Lowe stresses a point during his talk.

RUNCORN DISTRICT

Annual Open Meeting for Employees

THE annual Open Meeting for MANWEB employees in the Runcorn District was held a few weeks ago in the British Legion Club at Weston. Local staff were joined by a number of their colleagues from Area 2/3 Office, St. Helens District and the Percival Lane power station as they sat down to enjoy a traditional roast turkey meal.

With the food tucked away, Mr. E. Mills (District Engineer) in his capacity as Chairman of the Local Advisory Committee rose and thanked everyone for coming along, especially the many ladies who were present. He also added a special welcome for the ten retired employees who had joined the audience. Then Mr. Mills introduced the guest speaker, Chief Inspector V. Lowe of the Runcorn Division of the Cheshire Constabulary, who presented Safe Driving Awards to members of the District staff before giving his talk.

The Inspector began by saying

that it was often his duty to present other kinds of awards to another kind of driver, and so it was quite a pleasant change to be able to present these particular awards to men who had successfully completed another twelve months free from accident.

Turning to the new 'Drink and Drive' law, Inspector Lowe said that as a driver who drinks, he was not very keen on the law, but as a citizen, he knew that it was a good law. He then dealt with the actual wording of the law, which he said was a "complicated piece of legislation". However he made an excellent job of explaining it in words which were easy to understand.

Mr. Mills then gave a brief summary of the work carried out by the Local Advisory Committee during the past twelve months, and then Mr. J. W. Trimble (Manager, Area 2/3) gave a report on the Board activities during the same period.

While giving his report, Mr.

Trimble made a special mention of the Runcorn District Contracting section saying that their 54 per cent increase in business was probably the highest for the whole Board and he offered his congratulations to the men concerned for their fine efforts.

The very successful meeting closed with an Open Forum session when a number of questions from the staff were raised and answers were given by management and union representatives.

≡ AWARDS FOR SAFE DRIVING ≡

Bar to Ten-Year Medal: Messrs. E. A. Bold, J. Clare and A. M. Turner.

Bar to Five-Year Medal: Messrs. F. W. Bignall, F. R. Fryer, G. K. Fairhurst, A. James, F. Nuttall and L. M. Rigby.

Diploma: Messrs. J. R. Antrobus, R. Balmer, G. L. Bevan, J. B. Brassington, H. Blythe, L. E. Carter, D. Curtis, C. J. Osborne, J. A. Rowland, R. Vickerstaff, G. Whitlow and T. Whitney.

Some of the recipients of Safe Driving Awards which were presented by Chief Inspector V. Lowe (centre) during the Runcorn District Open Meeting.



Festive Fare at the



The ladies of the canteen, Mrs. A. Rothwell, left, and Mrs. E. King.

Instructors and guests. From left to right: Messrs. E. Parks, W. K. Appleton, R. Vernon, J. L. W. Ladner, Mrs. S. Hughes, Messrs. R. Slack, R. D. Jones, P. Smith, J. A. Bailey, J. H. Seymour and S. Smith.

Hoylake

Training Centre



Some of the lucky lads at the Hoylake Apprentice School enjoying their Christmas lunch before going home for the holidays. From left to right: Messrs. J. Quirk, M. J. Letley, D. Robinson, B. J. Flynn, J. L. Evans, D. G. Ball and L. W. Gurney.



This happy group of apprentices don't seem very interested in the cameraman. They are, from left to right: Messrs. S. M. J. Haley, A. C. Rutherford, F. Cropper, J. M. Jones and K. P. Hall.



Members of the Oswestry District staff enjoying themselves at their Christmas Celebrations.

Below: Santa drops in at the children's party with gifts for all.

Christmas Around th



Pictured on these pages are members of the staff and their families in the Clwyd, Oswestry, Northwich and North Wirral Districts enjoying the seasonal festivities a few weeks ago. Christmas is a time for the children, as many of our pictures show, and the parties arranged for the youngsters by members of our staff often meant a lot of hard work for a handful of people in preparing and entertaining.

However, everyone concerned considered it time well spent when they saw the children thoroughly enjoying themselves, and confirmation of the question "Do you think they had a good time?" came with the gay chatterings as the parties came to an end.



At Clwyd District Children's Party everyone enjoyed a lovely tea, while some of the older children, below, pose in front of the coach that took them to Liverpool to see the 'Bachelors Show'.

