

MANWEB GAZETTE

Welcome to . . . the following employees:

Head Office: Mrs. T. Disley (cleaner), Messrs. E. H. Carter (storekeeper, Queensferry), J. J. Ready (watchman).

Area 1 Office: Mrs. M. Benn (clerk), Miss P. C. Hart (machine operator), Messrs. R. W. Keating (assistant, Orders and Records), J. W. Loftus (labourer), C. O'Sullivan (Drawing Office assistant), G. Smith (labourer), C. J. Steel, J. P. Watts (Drawing Office assistants). *Central District:* Messrs. C. T. O'Brien (labourer), H. S. Roberts, M. Traynor (clerks), T. J. Walker (temporary clerk), T. Walsh (labourer). *North District:* Messrs. P. Cassidy, W. West (labourers). *South District:* Mrs. M. F. Young (canteen assistant), Messrs. P. Abernethy, J. Carson (labourers), N. P. Doyle (installation inspector), A. J. Evans (electrician), D. A. Gill, M. K. Heffey, V. C. Kane, W. H. McDonald, G. L. Summers, J. J. Wallace (labourers).

Area 2/3: *St. Helens District:* Mrs. E. Bryan (shorthand typist), Messrs. J. Fishwick, J. M. Fishwick (labourers). *Warrington District:* Mrs. D. Hackney (cleaner), Mr. G. W. Whittaker (labourer). *Runcorn District:* Messrs. H. Furnival, P. Reilly, P. T. Sorvel (labourers). *Northwich District:* Messrs. B. C. Evans (labourer), A. F. Gibb (meter reader). *Chester District:* Mr. D. J. Needham (assistant section engineer). *North Wirral District:* Miss B. Christy (clerk), Mrs. N. Smith (cleaner), Messrs. A. Cox, J. C. Garlick (electricians), W. J. Garrett (meter reader), T. Scully, R. M. Slack (electricians), R. Vyskocil (meter reader).

Area 4 Office: Mrs. M. Gooding, Mrs. G. Howard (clerks). *Crewe District:* Messrs. P. J. Humphreys (fitter, mechanical), G. H. Lunt, S. Mitic, H. Walley (labourers). *Wrexham District:* Mrs. J. Curtis (trainee saleswoman). *Oswestry District:* Mr. D. V. Williams (clerk). *Conway Valley District:* Miss S. Lafferty (typist). *Anglesey District:* Mrs. M. V. Williams (clerk). *Aberystwyth District:* Mr. T. E. Ebenezer (labourer).

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

Head Office: Mr. R. F. Threadgold (senior assistant, stores).

Area 1 Office: Messrs. W. Wilson, K. Wright (records draughtsmen). *South District:* Messrs. J. Edwards (jointer e.h.t.), C. P. McCormack (foreman, installation inspection).

Area 2/3 Office: Mr. J. S. Barker (assistant, Cash). *Warrington District:* Messrs. T. P. Butler (jointer e.h.t.), G. Davenport (electrician). *Runcorn*

District: Messrs. A. Kinsey (chargehand public lighting attendant), P. W. Youd (electrician). *Northwich District:* Mr. D. W. Swindells (electrician). *North Wirral District:* Messrs. R. A. Hughes (electrician), C. P. Jones, A. Sheard (meter readers), P. L. Thompson (electrician), K. T. Williams (fitter, electrician).

Area 4 Office: Messrs. R. Davies (sub-station attendant), A. Maloney (records draughtsman), I. Pearson (assistant, Revenue), E. Pritchard (sub-station attendant), J. Wagstaff (records draughtsman). *Crewe District:* Messrs. D. R. Brookshaw, G. A. Edge (jointers e.h.t.), A. T. K. Knott (assistant, Stores). *Clwyd District:* Mr. V. Hoosen (jointer, e.h.t.). *Caernarvon District:* Mr. E. D. Williams (linesman).

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

Head Office: Mrs. S. F. Hagedorn (secretary/shorthand typist), Messrs. D. H. G. Golding (computer programmer), J. Mitchell (senior systems analyst).

Area 1 Office: Messrs. W. A. Faulkner (watchman), S. Meakin (meter repairer). *Central District:* Messrs. T. Carvell (meter fixer), G. O'Brien (labourer). *South District:* Messrs. F. Gallagher, R. Grimshaw (installation inspectors), A. Jones (foreman, installation inspection), F. Lawrence (labourer).

Area 2/3 Office: Mr. J. W. Duckworth (assistant, Consumers' Accounts). *Warrington District:* Mr. R. Evans (installation inspection engineer). *North Wirral District:* Miss C. M. Carr (clerk), Messrs. A. Briggs (labourer), A. R. Chisholm (assistant, Meter Reading and Records), T. Conroy, W. Halewood, J. W. Hazelhurst (labourers), J. R. Hughes (assistant, Stores), J. Sutherland (fitter's mate, electrician).

Area 4 Office: Mr. B. G. Thompson (assistant section engineer). *Crewe District:* Mr. C. Maxon (meter reader). *Conway Valley District:* Mr. E. Jones (linesman's mate). *Aberystwyth District:* Messrs. D. R. Brown (linesman), D. Jones (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. I. W. Jones, a clerical assistant at Llandudno; Mr. J. S. Martin, an installation inspector at Llangefni; Mr. E. Pidcock, who retired last year from his job as a labourer at Crewe, Mr. O. L. Ritchie, formerly the Area 4 Commercial Officer; Mr. L. H. Smith, a chargehand jointer in the Crewe District.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the families.

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Switch over at Southport
(see page 4)



Members of the Runcorn District staff gather round as Mr. Currie presents Mr. Speaight, *centre*, with their farewell gift. Mrs. Speaight, *holding bouquet of flowers*, was also present at the ceremony.

From Runcorn to Chester

A few weeks ago staff at Runcorn District gathered to say farewell to their District Commercial Engineer, Mr. G. H. O. Speaight, who was leaving after 17 years to take up his new appointment as D.C.E. at Chester. Mr. G. H. Currie (1st assistant D.C.E.) said that it was always very hard to lose a Commercial Engineer, adding that in his case it had taken him 13 years to do it! On a more serious note, Mr. Currie said that during Mr. Speaight's period at Runcorn, many changes had taken place within the District and in a number of instances, history had been made.

Many more members of the District staff rose to pay their tributes to Mr. Speaight before presenting him with a parting gift as a token of their respect. Mr. Speaight replied by thanking everyone for their kind words and the support which they had always given him. He said that it was mainly through their efforts that he had been given the opportunity of moving to his new and challenging post at Chester.

Prior to joining MANWEB, Mr. Speaight worked with an electricity undertaking in York-

shire after serving in the R.A.F. Since going to Runcorn he has been active in the life of the town



While on holiday last summer on a camp site in Southern Brittany, Mr. Speaight takes time out for a shave by plugging in his electric razor to a socket outlet mounted on a lighting pole.

having represented MANWEB on both the Runcorn and Widnes Chambers of Commerce. He is also a co-opted governor of the Widnes Technical College and a member of the Further Education Sub-Committee of Runcorn College of Further Education.

He is married and has three daughters, Bridget, Rhona and Ruth. Sailing is Mr. Speaight's main recreation and he can usually be seen in his G.P. 14 on Marbury Mere.

DOUBLE HEADER

Results and Prizewinners of our Christmas competition.

Although we did not receive very many entries for our crossword competition this time, we did manage to find three all-correct solutions. These were sent in by Mr. J. Green, a chauffeur at Head Office, Mr. W. Swann, an assistant in the Display Department at Paradise Street, Liverpool and Mr. J. A. Bellamy, an assistant section engineer based at Rhuddlan. Each will be receiving half-a-guinea.

SOLUTIONS: Number 1. **Across:** 1. Cooker; 4. Amps; 7. Etna; 8. Beetle; 9. Nine; 10. Dial; 12. Bass; 14. End; 16. Wit; 17. Tree; 20. Asia; 23. Tube; 24. Censor; 25. Leek; 26. Shed; 27. Shades. **Down:** 1. Cable; 2. Open; 3. Reeds; 4. Anna; 5. Mailed; 6. Spend; 11. Isle; 13. Anti; 15. Stable; 16. Watts; 18. Racks; 19. Burns; 21. Seed; 22. Used.

Number 2. **Across:** 1. Alpha; 3. Brass; 7. Over; 8. Toga; 9. Plays on; 13. Moods; 14. Knots; 15. Passion; 17. Sing; 18. Reel; 19. Yells; 20. Omega. **Down:** 1. Anonymously; 2. Herald Angel; 4. Ration of Rum; 5. Spanish Flea; 6. Buoy; 9. Pop; 10. Ass; 11. Ski; 12. Non; 16. Solo.



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EDITORIAL

Another Milestone

LAST MONTH saw the final stages in yet another of MANWEB's long-term commitments. Following on the heels of the completion of our planned Rural Electrification Programme, our undertaking to standardise supplies throughout the Area at 240 volts A.C. was brought to a successful conclusion, and was marked by a civic ceremony at Southport.

Both these developments represent noteworthy milestones in the progress of the electricity supply industry. Both play an important part in increasing the strength and versatility of Britain's most important power system, and both play a significant role in strengthening the economy of the area and improving our common lot, both now and in the future. Neither would have been possible without careful long-term planning and the investment of large amounts of capital, unlikely to give immediate returns.

The benefits of standard supplies will be measured in negative terms for most people, and will therefore probably pass unnoticed. Not many people, when moving house, will have reason to stop and think that they might have had to have all their electrical appliances converted. When using shavers or travelling irons only those in the know may, for a fleeting moment, realise that things might not have been quite so convenient some time ago. Most of life's reliable blessings are taken for granted, until something goes wrong. Standard supply will doubtless fall into the same category, but it will, nonetheless, represent another small advance in civilised progress.

Don't forget the
E.I.B.A. BALL
March 14th at the Adelphi, Liverpool

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The last house to be switched over to standard supply was this picturesque thatched cottage at 1 Botanic Road, Churchtown, Southport. This is the home of Mrs. Alice Rimmer who will be 90 years old next May.

£4 million scheme Supply standardisation completed

OUR COVER PICTURE shows the Mayor of Southport, Alderman Mrs. B. Pogson switching out the last of the non-standard supplies at the Preston New Road substation, watched by District Manager, Mr. L. J. Scudamore.

A member of the Board's staff who has probably spent more time than anyone else on the change-over programme is Mr. Albert Jesson, a jointer with the Southport District.

Albert joined MANWEB about eight years ago after working 22 years for Col. R. F. Hesketh at Meols Hall. During the last war, he served as a gunner in the R.A. taking part in the landings in France and later serving in Germany.

In his younger days, Albert was a very active footballer having played at centre-forward for the Southport Schoolboys team and later with one of the best amateur teams in Southport.

Our picture below shows Jointer Jesson at work on his last changeover job.



A PROJECT which has cost the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board nearly £4 million was completed just before Christmas when the Mayor of Southport, Alderman Mrs. B. Pogson, was present to see the last consumer supplied at the non-standard voltage changed to standard voltage. This took place at the home of Mrs. Alice Rimmer of 1 Botanic Road, Churchtown, and afterwards the Mayor performed the ceremony of switching off the non-standard supply system at the Board's substation in Preston New Road, Churchtown.

This was the end of the work which started when the electricity industry was nationalised in 1948 and the Electricity Act stated that it was "the Board's statutory duty to promote the standardisation of the system of supply." Since that date, nearly 90,000 consumers have had the electricity supply to their premises changed over to the standard supply.

For all these consumers it previously meant that the standard electrical equipment which is designed for the 240 volt A.C. system would not function with the hundred per cent efficiency associated with electrical appliances. In many cases special elements had to be used which quite naturally were more expensive than the standard.

The cost of converting the 86,500 consumers to standard voltage is in the region of £43 each.

While all this work has gone on, the normal programme of network reinforcement has also been carried out. This has meant new substations, new equipment and new cables to cater for the continued increase in the demand for electricity.

In 1948 the number of consumers on the MANWEB network was 632,207 and the demand for electricity stood at 632,396 kilowatts. In the year 1965/66 there were 1,028,421 consumers with a demand of 2,016,410 kilowatts.



The Mayor of Southport, Mrs. Barbara Pogson is joined by members of the Area 1 and Southport District staff as she watches jointer Albert Jesson soldering the last joint to complete MANWEB's £4,000,000 voltage standardisation scheme. The picture shows, from left to right: Messrs. R. Walker (jointer's mate), L. J. Scudamore (District Manager), J. Taylor (Manager, Area 1), H. Telfer (Engineer, Area 1), Mrs. Pogson, Messrs. J. Heaton (District Engineer) and W. Osbaldeston (section engineer).

(Picture by Harry Ormisher, Southport)



Mr. D. G. Gwyn (Deputy Chairman), sixth from left, front row, with members of the Area 1 staff who received their 45- and 35-year Long Service Awards a few weeks ago.

Long Service at Area 1

This year, some 54 employees from Area 1 qualified for Long Service Awards, four having completed 45 years service, 18 serving for 35 years, and a further 32 gaining their 25-year awards.

At a special ceremony held in the Bluecoat Chambers in Liverpool a short time ago, Mr. J. Taylor, Manager Area 1, welcomed the award recipients and their wives and friends who had come along to share in the tributes to the long service. Mr. Taylor said that since the scheme started in 1953 there had been 1,148 awards made in Area 1 to employees whose total length of service amounted to 34,464 years. He made special mention of the Littler twins who were present to receive their 25-year awards, saying that in addition to being born within a very short time of each other, they had started work together, joined the Forces on the same day and were subsequently demobilised at the same time. They became electricians together and here they were to receive their awards—together.

Then Mr. D. G. Gwyn, Deputy Chairman, rose to say a few words before presenting the awards. He said that this was his second visit to Area 1 to perform this very pleasant task and welcomed the opportunity to see large numbers of the staff at one time. He went on to say that he was grateful and inspired at the length of service put in by so

many employees, especially those who had been with the Industry for 45 years. He explained that in the early days of presenting awards to employees there was quite a freedom of choice. He related that one man had received a prefabricated garage as his reward for long service, while another had chosen a set of car tyres, no doubt feeling that as every mile went by so went a little of his long service award. Today however, with the restrictions imposed by the Income Tax authorities, the awards were in the main something of lasting quality, something of a more permanent character which was a good thing as these should be considered as a hallmark of an association between an employee and the Board. He said that he hoped that all the recipients would treasure the mementos they had chosen.

He then spoke for a few minutes about his recent visit to Japan and described service and loyalty conditions for the employees there. He concluded by conveying the thanks of the Board as a whole and the good wishes of the Chairman to all those who had qualified for the Long Service Awards.

Mr. W. A. Galna, one of the award recipients, then replied with a vote of thanks on behalf of those present to Mr. Gwyn, Mr. Taylor and all the Area and District Officers who had come along to add their support.

Recipients of the 25 year Long Service Awards in Area 1 with Mr. J. Taylor, (Manager Area 1) seated on the front row between the Littler twins, Ken and William—or is it William and Ken?



Area 1 Manager, Mr. J. Taylor, welcoming the award winning recipients with their families and friends at a special ceremony in the Bluecoat Chambers, Liverpool.

The Awards

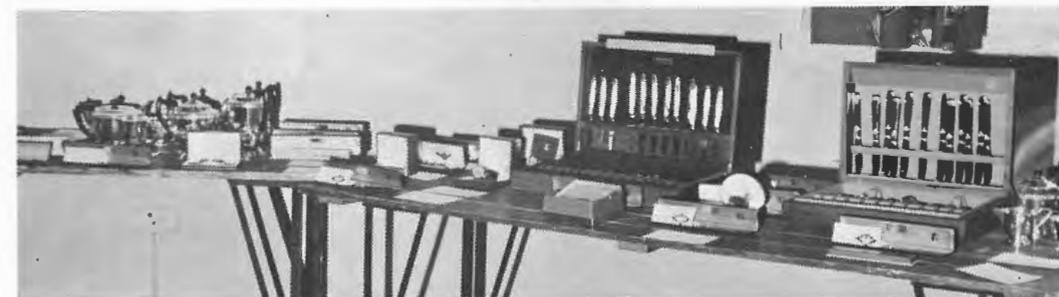
45 years: Messrs. W. Idle (installation inspector—*retired*), A. Jones (foreman installation inspector), J. W. Range (assistant section engineer) and F. Waugh (installation inspector—*retired*).

35 years: Miss L. F. Barlow (assistant—Revenue), Messrs. E. Appleton (installation inspector), T. Best (assembler), J. W. Bingham (telephone operator), G.F. Buckingham (assistant—Revenue), T. Freeman (electrician), W. A. Galna (senior assistant—Creditors' Accounts), G. C. Hope (installation inspector), A. H. Jones (assistant section engineer), E. Kinsella (fitter's mate), R. McFall (shift electrician), F. McGlashen (plumber), C. E. Royden (foreman painter), R. Rummens (meter reader/collector), E. W. Simpson (clerk), A. H. Tuck (installation inspector), G. Unsworth (senior assistant—Admin. and Engineering Clerical) and D. S. Webb-Jones (Senior Assistant Commercial Engineer).

25 years: Miss E. M. Anderton (clerk), Miss F. D. Blizard (saleswoman), Mrs. N. Forrest (assistant

—Revenue), Miss D. Gale (clerk), Mrs. D. M. Holt (assistant—Stores), Miss C. McDonough (assistant—Commercial Clerical), Miss K. McKeown (assistant—Commercial Clerical), Miss J. Morland (assistant—Commercial Clerical), Miss I. M. Richardson (clerk), Miss W. E. Robbins (assistant—Estates and Wayleaves), Miss N. E. Spencer (assistant—Billing machines), Miss W. I. Simmons (clerk), and Miss I. Wareing (clerk), Messrs. A. R. Bate (electrician), T. Brown (joiner), J. Brownlee (meter reader/collector), J. Buckley (meter tester's assistant), G. E. Craven (driver), J. R. Clarke (electrician), H. A. Burch (salesman), J. Gaul (labourer), J. E. Hebden (VHF radio/telephone operator), T. Larkin (installation inspector), J. K. Littler (electrician), W. G. Littler (electrician—Substations), E. Llewellyn (senior assistant—Stores), H. Rimmer (foreman installation inspector), T. C. Rowlands (watchman), J. M. Sunners (electrician's mate—Substations), G. Thompson (salesman), E. G. Townsend (salesman) and A. Wood (assistant—Cash and Banking).

Some of the beautiful gifts which were presented to the award winners. These ranged from watches and silver tea sets to huge canteens of cutlery, and some even larger gifts which were delivered direct to the homes of those who had selected them.



Mr. D. G. Gwyn (Deputy Chairman), right, presents a Long Service Certificate to Mr. D. Hughes of Llanrwst.

Long Service Awards at Area 4



At a special ceremony held some time ago at Rhostyllen, Mr. D. G. Gwyn (Deputy Chairman) presented a number of certificates and awards to members of the Area 4 staff who had completed varying terms of service with the electricity supply industry.

Those who received the awards were as follows: **45 years' service:** Messrs. J. H. Bamford (section engineer, Bangor), D. Hughes (installation inspector, Llanrwst) and A. H. Williams (consumers' engineer, retired, Llangefni).

35 years' service: Mrs. E. M. G. Archer (saleswoman, Llangollen), Messrs. B. H. Coppack (linesman, Crewe), A. Davies (foreman electrician,



A broad smile on the face of Mr. J. H. Bamford of Bangor, left, as he receives his certificate for 45 years' service from Mr. Gwyn.

Shotton), W. S. Davies (shop supervisor, Rhyl), E. R. Evans (linesman, Rhyl), J. J. Faulkner (clerk, Legacy), W. Griffiths (clerical assistant, retired, Llangefni), F. Hewitt (mains foreman, Newtown), A. Hope (substation attendant, Crewe), L. Hughes (clerical assistant, Llandudno), A. L. Hunt (mains foreman, Rhuddlan), H. J. Huxley (installation inspector, Whitchurch), A. T. K. Knott (stores assistant, Nantwich), C. F. Milnes (senior assistant, Cash and Banking, Rhostyllen), J. H. Naylor (Principal Assistant, Revenue, Rhostyllen), R. J. Parry (installation inspector, Wrexham), H. Partington (Assistant Engineer, Technical, Rhostyllen), R. Preston (chargehand installation inspector, Nantwich), G. Roberts (linesman, Vauxhall), A. Rowlands (electrician, Caernarvon) and R. Stewart (2nd Assistant Commercial Engineer, Rhostyllen).

25 years' service: Miss S. Prodder (cleaner, retired, Rhostyllen), Mrs. N. Roberts (cleaner retired, Llandudno Junction), and Mrs. L. Williams (cleaner, Bangor). Messrs. H. Allman (clerical assistant, Sandbach), J. A. Culley (jointer's mate, Crewe), D. S. Drury (jointer, Crewe), D. Foulkes (chargehand jointer, Shotton), D. Hughes (consumers' engineer, Barmouth), J. Hughes (labourer, retired, Llandudno Junction), R. James (labourer, Flint), D. Jones (installation inspector, Mold), D. C. Mantle (substation attendant, Oswestry), G. J. Parry (costs assistant, Rhostyllen), W. C. Potts (clerk, Wrexham), H. G. Thomas (foreman electrician, Bangor) and H. Williams (jointer, Crewe).

Off for a day out at Pwllheli Holiday Camp. Standing in front of the coach are, from left to right: Mr. J. Jones (ex. Meter Jones and now Chairman of the Association), Mr. G. H. Parry (former Cashier and now Secretary/Treasurer), Miss H. M. Stephens (our Steve of Wayleaves), Mr. A. Baker (former Construction Engineer) and Mr. H. G. Jones ('Buckley' Jones).



Retired Members' Association

Mr. K. Helliwell, Manager, Area 4, was the guest of honour at a Christmas dinner in the Rhostyllen canteen organised by the newly-formed Retired Members' Association in No. 12 L.A.C. area.

The association—the first in MANWEB—is open to all pensioners in Wrexham District and Area 4 Office.

The dinner was prepared voluntarily by the Rhostyllen canteen staff, and the whole affair was a great success. After dinner, which was washed down with a glass of sherry, there was a bingo session and then all present were shown a couple of films—one showing the opening by the Queen of the pump storage station at Ffestiniog, and the other, a C.E.G.B. film entitled 'Lonely Places'.

Many members brought along their wives, and this provided an opportunity for their 'better

halves' to meet the colleagues that they had worked with throughout their careers—possibly for the first time. Among the guests were Mrs. Helliwell, Mr. A. Kidd, Secretary, Area 4 and Mrs. Kidd, Mr. E. T. Peters, District Manager, Wrexham, and Mrs. Peters, and also the two L.A.C. members co-opted to the committee, Messrs. J. J. Myers and T. P. Davies.

Funds so far have been helped by a draw—run by members of the L.A.C.—and by several donations. Members now pay an annual subscription of five shillings.

The next meeting has been arranged for February, and it is hoped that eventually there will be meetings at a regular venue, so that the retired employees will have an evening to look forward to, and can meet old friends to talk over old times.

After an excellent dinner, these members of the Association look up for our photographer before putting their 'eyes down' for the bingo session.





Some of the MANWEB drivers at Llangefni who were presented with their Safe Driving Awards recently, Mr. John Hughes, who made the presentations is standing second from the left, and Mr. Lewis Hughes, this year's outstanding driver can be seen eighth from the left.

Safe Drivers

at Anglesey...

Twenty-three Board drivers in Anglesey District received safe driving awards gained in the RoSPA competition for 1965, at a recent ceremony at Llangefni.

The presentations were made by Mr. John Hughes, the Road Safety Organiser for the County of Anglesey. Mr. Hughes congratulated the drivers on their continued vigilance in road safety, and pointed out that some of them had been free of accidents, however slight, for more than 15 years.

The outstanding driver in the District was Mr. Lewis Hughes, of Llangefni, who has driven for 18 years without an accident.

The award-winners were:

Oak Leaf Bar. Messrs. L. Hughes, O. I. Jones, J. M. Owen and W. Owen.

Bar to Five Year Medal. Messrs. J. Evans, H. P. Griffiths, D. G. Jones and D. T. Jones.

Five Year Medal. Mr. J. Williams.

Diploma. Messrs. H. V. D. Brown, A. Bunton,

J. H. Davies, E. Evans-Hughes, R. T. Hughes, F. J. Keen, F. J. Keen, jr., W. Pritchard, H. Thomas, I. W. Thomas, E. Williams, H. M. Williams and W. G. Williams.

Mr. J. S. Martin, who was awarded a Diploma, has since died.

and Conway Valley

Chief Inspector R. E. Jones, of the Conway Division of Gwynedd Constabulary, presented Safe Driving awards to 27 MANWEB drivers at a meeting of No. 15 L.A.C., held at Llandudno Junction.

The awards, for 1965, went to:

Oak Leaf Bar. Messrs. W. B. Fuller, D. Hughes, T. L. Jones and T. Marchant.

Bar to Five Year Medal. Messrs. W. J. Hopkins, A. K. Jones, J. Parry, G. Simpson, R. Smith, E. Thomas and E. L. Williams.

Diplomas. Messrs. E. Allsupp, J. Boyle, G. Davies, T. J. Davies, G. Griffiths, H. Hambley, P. Horsley, D. Jones, E. Jones, S. Taylor, A. Thomas and B. Williams.



Chief Inspector Jones, seated, in uniform with Mr. K. Helliwell (Manager, Area 4), seated right, and Mr. A. W. Hawley (District Manager) seated second from the right, with some of the Conway Valley District staff award winners.



The audience of domestic science teachers who attended the "At Home". The lone male is Mr. M. Napleton who demonstrated micro-wave cooking.

'At home in' Liverpool

One hundred and thirty domestic science teachers from the Liverpool area attended an 'At Home' held a few weeks ago at the Board's Industrial Development Centre in Paradise Street, Liverpool.

After the teachers had been welcomed by Mr. W. Wallwork, Area 1 Commercial Officer, they were given a practical demonstration of the Philips micro-wave oven—something new for most of the women present. This was followed by Miss B. Strange, senior demonstrator, Liverpool North District, who explained the many uses of the Kenwood food mixer and its attachments.

Finally, Mrs. J. Roberts, senior demonstrator, Liverpool South District, aroused a lot of interest when she introduced to her audience a large range of 'personalised' electric appliances—an electric shoe polishing set, a toothbrush, carving knife and the latest microlite lamps. Jean then went on to do a 'hair-set' on a submissive colleague, Miss M. Cumberbatch—using the roller sets sold in MANWEB shops.

Appliances on show

Around the Centre a well laid out exhibition showed the teachers all our major appliances, central heating systems, direct space heating, and also our expanding range of small appliances. The Board's sales staff from Area 1 were there in force to give on-the-spot demonstrations of the goods on show and to answer the many questions put by the visitors.

From the comments made afterwards, it was obvious that everyone had enjoyed a rewarding and stimulating meeting. This function followed a smaller event for the domestic science teachers of Bootle.



Mrs. J. Roberts (senior demonstrator), centre, talks to one of the visitors to the exhibition stands. Behind Mrs. Roberts is Miss M. Cumberbatch (demonstrator).



Above: Miss B. Parry (trainee demonstrator), right, explains the advantages of electric cooking to one of Liverpool's domestic science teachers.

Below: Mrs. M. Holland (trainee demonstrator), left, keeping the visitors happy as they examine the electrical appliances on view at the exhibition.





Mr. H. S. F. FITZPATRICK

Our picture on the left shows Mr. H. J. Fraser (District Commercial Engineer) *centre*, presenting a parting gift to Mr. H. S. F. Fitzpatrick who was retiring due to ill health after serving the electricity supply industry for 47 years. His first job was with the Liverpool Corporation where he served his apprenticeship and later worked in various departments. Finally, Mr. Fitzpatrick was in charge of the Sales and Service clerical section in the Hatton Garden enquiry office.

RETIREMENTS

Mr. F. GALLAGHER

A host of friends and colleagues of Mr. Frank Gallagher, an installation inspection engineer with our Liverpool South District, gathered at the Thingwall Road Clubhouse shortly before Christmas to say their farewells to Frank on his retirement from work after 46 years' service. Everyone, including a number of retired employees who had returned to pay their tributes, enjoyed an excellent buffet meal—and plenty of liquid refreshment—amid the garlands and tinsel decorations.

Mr. Gallagher first started work in 1920 as an apprentice electrician with the Liverpool Corporation Electricity Supply Department. Soon after qualifying as a tradesman, he joined the meter department and in one way and another,

Mr. Gallagher, *seated centre*, with Mrs. Gallagher and members of the Liverpool South District staff on the occasion of his retirement presentation.



he has been connected with them ever since. During the last war, he served as a sergeant with the famous 89th battalion of the Home Guard.

A keen coarse and game fisherman, Mr. Gallagher has been spending a week of his holiday every year game fishing in the Lake District. He also enjoys the time spent in his garden, his favourite flower being the chrysanthemum. He is married and has a son Gordon working as an electrician's mate in the South District, and a daughter who is a secretary to a Liverpool professor.

To mark his retirement, Mr. Gallagher was presented with a number of gifts by Mr. G. J. Bulmer (District Commercial Engineer) on behalf of his many friends who all joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher much happiness and many healthy years of retirement.

Farewells at Pwllheli

Mr. John Owen Pritchard, mains foreman at Pwllheli, retired recently after 38 years in the electricity supply industry. After joining the North Wales Power Company at Penygroes as a general labourer, he later served at Whitchurch and Wrexham before moving to Pwllheli. Mr. Pritchard, who has retired a little prematurely because of ill-health, was presented with a cheque as a parting gift from his colleagues.

Mr. Richard Evans, mains chargehand, has retired after 36 years with the industry. He joined the North Wales Power Company at Criccieth, and later served at Machynlleth, before coming to Pwllheli. As a farewell gift Mr. Evans received a cheque from Mr. R. T. Jones, assistant section engineer, on behalf of all his colleagues.

Mr. Harry Roberts, linesman, had served the industry for over 41 years when he too retired recently. He began his duties with Messrs. Johnson and Phillips working in the contracting department, and served all over England and Wales before joining the North Wales Power Company in 1936. He completed his service with MANWEB. Mr. J. N. R. Phillips, District Engineer, presented Mr. Roberts with a cheque on behalf of all his friends and colleagues.

Mr. JOHN HUDSON

In last month's issue of *Contact* we wrote of the retirement of a Mr. John Holden of the Area 1 Drawing Office. The name should have read *Mr. John Hudson*, and to the said Mr. Hudson, we offer our sincere apologies.

DIAMOND WEDDING

A former colleague, Mr. Joseph Herbert Peters, has recently celebrated his diamond wedding anniversary.

Mr. Peters, who was appointed resident engineer for Connah's Quay Council electricity undertaking in 1925, played his part in bringing electricity to the previously gas-lit area of Dee-side. When, in 1948, the local undertaking was nationalised, he continued his work as a section engineer with

MANWEB. By the time of his retirement in 1952, nearly every home in the area was on mains electricity.

Mr. Peters, who is 83, and his 80-year-old wife, are now living in Mold Road, Connah's Quay. They have four children, nine grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

We would like to add our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peters and to wish them health and happiness in the future.

THE NAME'S THE SAME

We offer our congratulations to Miss Muriel Roberts, a clerk at Pwllheli, and Mr. Robert Gwynfor Roberts, a meter reader at Caernarvon, who were married recently. Both received cheques as wedding gifts from colleagues at Pwllheli and Caernarvon.

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to Miss Jean Griffiths, a clerk in the Accountant's Department at Rhostyllen, who has recently announced her engagement to Mr. D. Parton, of Mancot, Chester.

Best wishes for the future to Miss Jill Patricia Williams, who is employed in the typing pool at Area 4 Office and to Mr. Howard Jones of Wrexham who announced their engagement on Christmas Eve.

Congratulations to Miss Pamela Smith, a typist at Rhostyllen, who announced her engagement to Mr. Alan Esp on January 7th.

Best wishes for the future to Mr. Clive Jones, an assistant in the Costs Department at Area 4 Office and Miss Maureen Williams, a typist also at Area 4, who announced their engagement recently.

BIRTHS

Belated congratulations to Mr. Michael Brown, a sales representative at our Southport District, and Mrs. Brown on the birth of a daughter, Elaine, a short time ago.

Congratulations to Mr. E. Cunningham, a senior sales assistant at St. Helens, and Mrs. Cunningham on the birth of a daughter, Lindsay Jayne on December 23rd.

Congratulations to Mr. E. Halton, a clerk at Carlton Street, St. Helens, and Mrs. Halton on the birth of a son—a brother for Mark.

Congratulations to Mr. R. Goodier, 4th assistant Planning Engineer at Sandiway House, and Mrs. Goodier on the birth of a son, Richard, at Davenham Maternity Hospital on December 28th.

Don't forget your Christmas Card Scene for this year's 'Contact' Photographic Competition

Party time—round the Area for the young—and the young at heart

Caernarvon . . .

At Caernarvon, the MANWEB children's party was held at the Royal Hotel just before Christmas. The youngsters—about 70 of them—were treated to films and a Punch and Judy Show, and the afternoon ended with presents all round from Father Christmas.

The Royal Hotel was also the setting earlier in December for the annual dinner dance of the Caernarvon District Sports and Social Club. More than 80 members and friends danced to the

music of Roland Mott and his Band, and later voted the evening a resounding success.

Mr. R. Owen, Caernarvon District Office, acted as compare and organiser for both events.

. . . North Wirral . . .

The annual party for members' children was held at the McNaught Hall, Birkenhead. A hundred children joined in traditional party games and fare, and were entertained by a local dancing group. Later Father Christmas (Mr. E. Coley) distributed presents to all.

Left: North Wirral District staff at their annual Christmas Party.

Below: Nearly a hundred children, with presents clutched in their hands gather round Santa at the North Wirral party.



. . . Anglesey . . .

Over 120 people attended the Anglesey District Dinner Dance and witnessed the first—and probably the last—appearance of the Llangefni Swing Group—an event seemingly ignored by national TV news bulletins. Our picture above shows the group, from left to right: Messrs. M.O. Jones, Elwyn Jones and Ken Herbert—we think!

. . . St. Helens . . .

An excellent buffet supper was arranged when staff at St. Helens Shop held their Christmas party. Games and dancing added to the gaiety of the evening.

. . . Pwllheli . . .

An attractively-decorated room at Penmount Vestry was the setting for a party attended by 39 employees' children from Pwllheli. Father Christmas (Mr. T. J. Williams) gave presents to all, and then the youngsters were given a film show by Mr. John Barlow, of Caernarvon.

. . . Machynlleth . . .

Mr. David Morris, section engineer, presided at the Christmas dinner organised by Mr. R. H. Pugh for MANWEB staff at Machynlleth. Messrs. Morris and Cliff Roberts laid on the evening's entertainment.

and Northwich

More than 200 youngsters and their parents attended the Northwich District Sports and Social Club's annual children's party at the Lostock Social Club. After the meal and some party games, there followed a film show and then Father Christmas (Mr. Bob Scott) arrived in his sleigh (pulled by a pretty unlikely horse!) and gave presents to all the children.

A r e a 4



Mrs. Edna Roberts, left, and Miss Margaret Jones enjoying a good natter at the annual Christmas dinner organised by the typing pool at Area 4 Office.

Younger children of Area 4 Office employees—more than a hundred of them—were entertained at a Christmas party in the canteen at Rhostyllen. Mr. Arthur Evans (Meter Test Department, Legacy) fascinated the children with some mystifying conjuring tricks and Miss Heather Pearson (Planning Department, Rhostyllen) led the children in the singing of some well-known carols.

The older children, meanwhile, were not forgotten. Their turn came when a large party of them was taken to a pantomime at Shrewsbury.

Both events were organised by the Children's Party Sub-Committee of Rhostyllen S. & S. Club, under the chairmanship of Mr. K. Edwards (cashier), with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Miles (assistant cashier).





A study in concentration as some of the youngsters watch the pictures at the Christmas Party held at Love Lane Offices.

Seasonal Festivities at Head Office with the youngsters



Tucking-in to the cakes and jellies and the orange juice . . . that is except one who finds time to keep his eye on the camera-man.



All over. Empty plates, empty cartons and full tummies. In the background are some of the willing helpers who came along to make the party go with a swing.

One Saturday afternoon, just before Christmas, about 130 children arrived at Head Office to enjoy a party organised by the Head Office Sports and Social Club. After playing some very lively games, they all settled down to a tea-party before relaxing as they watched a picture show.



The moment everyone has waited for. Santa (alias Mr. F. Murtagh) arrives on time with his three bags full of presents.

Mr. E. James, extreme right, prepares to conduct the MANWEB choir from Rhostyllen. Their excellent singing delighted the members of the Head Office staff during this year's Christmas party.



Miss M. Conway, left, —retirement seems to agree with her—joins some of her secretarial friends for a buffet meal.



and for the grown-ups

After feeding the inner man, these members of Head Office staff patiently wait for the next item on the evening's entertainment.



The ladies who prepared the buffet and, a few days later, a first class Christmas Lunch. Below: Mrs. E. Criggall, left, and Mrs. R. M. Jackson (canteen supervisor). Right: Mrs. A. Crawford, Miss A. McCarrick, Mrs. V. Robson, Mrs. M. McMillen and Mrs. A. Noone.





Training Centre staff with their guests for the day.
Left to right: Messrs. G. Parry (senior instructor jointing), S. Duckers (assistant instructor, jointing), J. E. Powell (2nd assistant engineer—Operation), G. Gidman (senior instructor, linesman) and R. Mason (installation foreman, retired).



Mr. R. Slack (senior assistant, Education and Training), *front right*, and members of the Training Centre staff with Mr. R. Vernon, *second right*, who returned as a guest.



Cigar smoking apprentice T. B. Tilston of Wrexham, presents gifts from the boys to Mrs. E. King (canteen attendant), *centre*, and Mrs. A. Bonnell (part-time canteen attendant).



Christmas at Hoylake with the men and with the ...

Top: Jointers and their mates. *Left to right:* Messrs. B. Murrey (jointer's mate, Crewe), J. S. Jones (jointer's mate, Wrexham), G. Davies (jointer, Wrexham), J. Lee (jointer, Liverpool North), D. Oakes (jointer, Crewe), R. E. Lloyd (jointer's mate, Rhyl) and J. S. Jones (jointer, Rhyl).

Centre: Visitors from our North Wirral District. *Left to right:* Messrs. M. R. Grisenthwaite (service electrician), E. Sloane (substation inspector), G. Ezard, G. Raynor and N. Jones (service electricians).

Bottom: Linesmen's mates. *Left to right:* Messrs. T. B. Edge (Oswestry), W. E. Jones (Liverpool), A. Bates (Mold), M. J. Davies (Rhyl) and W. R. Jones (Mold).

Below: The boys tucking-in to the turkey and plum pudding.



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Above: Some of the 300 children who went along to the Liverpool South District party, which, because of the numbers, had to be spread over two afternoons, Saturday and Sunday. They were entertained with a number of cartoon films before seeing themselves on films taken at previous parties. Later they danced—and jiggged to the music of the Caribbeans before lining up to receive a present—and an apple—and an orange—and some chocolate from good old Santa and his many helpers.

Party Time at Thingwall Road

with the
children

Right: In camera is Mr. James Gonzales, a records draughtsman at Lister Drive, taking some shots for the excellent colour movie he produces each year showing the various activities and antics of the youngsters at the party.



Right: A very capable M.C., Mr. John Rotherham fronts the Wally Rylands trio who accompanied the artists and played for dancing at the Christmas Eve Social held at the Thingwall Road Clubhouse. The Sports and Social Club also organised a successful New Year's Eve Dance which was very well attended.

★ The members of the Club Committee have asked us to announce that they are now equipped to cater for all kinds of functions at the Clubhouse. They will welcome your enquiries.



and the adults

Some 'Candid Camera' shots showing members of the Liverpool South District Sports and Social Club with their families and friends enjoying the Christmas Eve Social held at the Thingwall Road Clubhouse.



the 'teenagers'

The three pictures shown in this half of the page were taken at the 'Teenagers Dance' held to raise funds to support the Children's Party. A very successful evening was had by one and all with dancing to the music of Billy Tomlinson and the Citroens. During the day, Billy works as a jointer in our Liverpool South District.



Social Evening at Southport



This picture page shows some of the happy guests at this year's Christmas Social which was organised by the Southport District Sports and Social Club.



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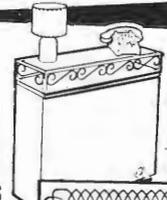
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