

Welcome to . . . the following employees:

**Head Office:** Mrs. A. Bonnell (canteen attendant, Hoylake), Miss M. E. Howie (machine operator), Miss E. C. Tapling (assistant, Consultative Council), Messrs. R. D. Crabb (assistant, Information), K. R. Hosie (records draughtsman).

**Area 1 Office:** Miss B. M. Robson, Miss H. Standing (clerks), Messrs. B. Hewson (assistant, Stores), J. C. Thomas (senior assistant, Costs). **Central District:** Miss E. Rimmer (typist), Mrs. T. O'Connell (cleaner), Messrs. E. Clarendon (labourer), J. P. Kerfoot, T. Lester, P. J. McGiveron (labourers), L. F. Maddox (jointer e.h.t.), T. H. Mullin (gatekeeper). **North District:** Mrs. J. Corrin (clerk), Mrs. M. Marcall (Service Centre assistant), Miss D. Mercer (clerk), Messrs. J. Carr, F. Dugan, R. Foster, R. Griffiths, H. Hampson (labourers), K. S. Harrison (clerk), G. Hughes (labourer), S. Hunter (electrician's mate), J. Jones, M. A. Lavery, J. Lloyd, J. O'Sullivan, W. Rick, C. Wheanty (labourers). **South District:** Miss J. G. Connor (shorthand typist), Mr. B. Baxter (labourer). **Southport District:** Miss C. A. Atherton (clerk), Mrs. J. Buck (shorthand typist), Messrs. A. D. James, J. Sawyer and N. Wood (labourers).

**Area 2/3 Office:** Miss J. Howes (trainee machine operator), Miss S. Jones (machine operator), Miss D. F. Seager, Miss C. Spark, Miss S. C. Williams (clerks). **Warrington District:** Messrs. D. A. Hold, L. Tatlock (labourers). **Runcorn District:** Miss H. Dean (typist), Mrs. D. F. Smith (cleaner), Messrs. B. C. Colvin (fitter mech.), E. S. Latham and F. Lowe (labourers). **Northwich District:** Messrs. A. Dennis, T. W. Glancy (labourers), R. K. Palin (junior labourer), I. Tyson (sales representative), B. Yoxall (labourer). **Chester District:** Mrs. D. Evans, Mrs. M. I. Tunna (clerks), Messrs. D. J. Cartwright (labourer), C. Hughes (electrician), H. P. Roberts (chargehand public lighting attendant), A. Smith (junior labourer). **North Wirral District:** Mrs. D. Langley (cleaner), Messrs. B. H. Beattie (meter reader), J. J. Dolan, R. A. Foster, E. Hibbs, B. Hunter (labourers), F. C. Nolan (meter reader).

**Area 4 Office:** Miss V. O. Harrison (shorthand typist), Miss S. Pelling (junior clerk). **Crewe District:** Messrs. L. G. Davies, G. Hodgkiss, J. McCarron (labourers), C. Vyse (junior labourer). **Clwyd District:** Messrs. S. Davies, D. D. Jones (linesmen), G. Jones (labourer), C. Wynne (meter reader). **Conway Valley District:** Messrs. A. A. Easton (lineman), D.

Jones (labourer), D. D. Jones (linesman). **Aberystwyth District:** Mr. A. Morgan (assistant section engineer).

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

**Area 1: South District:** Messrs. P. Fitzgerald, A. B. Kane (jointer's mate), R. Roberts (fitter's mate), W. Williams (jointer's mate). **Southport District:** Mr. C. B. Hopkins (meter reader).

**Area 2/3 Office:** Mrs. D. M. Bird and Mrs. K. B. Knight (Drawing Office assistants). **Warrington District:** Mr. D. H. Preece (electrician). **Runcorn District:** Messrs. A. L. Bennion (meter reader), A. McCoy (assistant section engineer), J. A. Shaw (meter reader and collector), E. Smith (blacksmith), W. Sutton (public lighting attendant). **Northwich District:** Mr. K. S. Massey (chargehand electrician). **Chester District:** Messrs. A. Dutton (public lighting attendant), A. Jackson (fitter's mate, electrical), D. W. Williams (labourer). **North Wirral District:** Mr. G. Turpin (fitter, electrical).

**Area 4: Aberystwyth District:** Mr. E. I. Evans (section engineer).

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

**Head Office:** Mrs. D. Langley (canteen attendant, Hoylake), Mrs. S. A. Young (shorthand typist), Messrs. H. F. Hurford (assistant, Internal Audit), J. C. Thomas (Accountancy trainee).

**Area 1 Office:** Messrs. A. Bown (clerk), J. G. Ellis (senior assistant, Costs). **Central District:** Mrs. L. M. Sorrell (Service Centre assistant), Mr. E. P. S. Irving (clerk). **South District:** Messrs. W. H. Gregory (assistant) and A. Williams (o/h linesman).

**Area 2/3 Office:** Mr. H. Roberts (principal assistant, Stores). **Warrington District:** Mr. F. Isherwood (labourer). **Runcorn District:** Mr. F. W. Lawson (blacksmith). **North Wirral District:** Mr. H. Holmes (meter fixer).

**Area 4: Conway Valley District:** Mrs. N. Roberts (cleaner), Messrs. T. Briscoe (electrician), W. M. Williams (driver). **Caernarvon District:** Mr. F. Jones (driver). **Anglesey District:** Mr. D. W. Vaughan (timekeeper).

## Obituary

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of the following employees: Mr. J. H. Colley, a linesman at Wrexham; Mr. R. Hayes, a linesman's mate in the Clwyd District; Mr. R. E. Kennedy, an electrician in Liverpool and Mr. E. Oakley, a labourer in the North Wirral District.

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### NORTH WIRRAL'S NEW CLUB

Mr. J. W. Trimble (Manager Area 2/3) officially opened the new North Wirral Sports and Social Club in Grange Road West (above the Electricity Service Centre) a few weeks ago. Our picture shows him signing the visitors' book as members of the committee look on. They are, left to right, seated Messrs. C. Hough (installation inspector), R. H. Morley (District Engineer and Chairman of the Club), Mr. Trimble and Mr. R. Clague (driver). Standing: Messrs. R. Neil (senior sales representative), L. Woolley (electrician), J. Foster (section engineer), J. E. Evans (District Senior Clerk), D. Stevenson (assistant section engineer) and K. G. Lea (chargehand electrical fitter).



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### EDITORIAL

## Awards of Merit

EVERY society has its own way of publicly honouring its outstanding members. In war and in peace outstanding examples of courage, devotion to duty, or just plain unostentatious service to the community are recognised by medals, awards, and Orders of various kinds. Often enough, when a whole group of people have been involved in joint effort of some kind, awards made to leading individuals in the group are a recognition of the contribution of all, and many a military commander bears medal ribbons won by the courage of all the men he led.

In more peaceful fields, most great individual achievements are supported and made possible by comradely teamwork, and the Eusebios and Hilarys of this world would not reach the standards they attain without the solid backing of their colleagues.

The Birthday Honours award of the M.B.E. to Mr. A. E. Sweeney, Liverpool North District Engineer, and the B.E.M. to Mr. G. J. Parry, switchboard attendant at North Wirral District, while marking long and loyal service to the electricity supply industry by the individuals concerned, are also in large measure a recognition of the vital service to the community provided by the whole of the MANWEB staff.

We are sure that Messrs. Sweeney and Parry would be the first to agree that their richly-deserved honours represent a tribute to their colleagues also.

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## 1966 Photographic Competition

### RULES

1. Entries may be concerned with any subject.
2. Each photograph submitted must be the original work and the copyright property of the person submitting it.
3. All photographs must have been taken since June 1st, 1965.
4. Any number of Black and White prints may be submitted, but only FIVE colour transparencies in any one section from each competitor.
5. Competitors must enclose a note with entries, stating clearly their name and address (either office or home) and the title of each picture.
6. The competition will be judged by an independent panel.
7. Closing date for the receipt of entries which must be addressed to: *The Editor, Contact, MANWEB, Love Lane, Liverpool 3*, will be October 1st, 1966.

Prizes of Premium Bonds will be awarded as follows:

#### BLACK AND WHITE PICTURES

Best Picture—FIVE Premium Bonds.

#### COLOUR TRANSPARENCIES

- 1st—FIVE Premium Bonds.  
2nd—THREE Premium Bonds.  
3rd—TWO Premium Bonds.

#### BEST PICTURE DESCRIBING "POWER"

Colour: Two Premium Bonds.  
Black and White: Two Premium Bonds.

Great care will be taken of entries, all of which will be returned. When submitting your photographs 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.



Six of the best! The young craft apprentices who were awarded prizes for their work at Hoylake this year. *Left to right, back row:* Michael D. Jones, Thomas S. Salkeld and Frederick J. Parry. *Front row:* Glyn E. Jones, Kenneth White and Robert J. Edwards.

## Prize Day at Hoylake

"YOU get what you want much easier if people like you", said Mr. J. L. Williams (District Manager, Oswestry) during the course of his friendly and informal talk to the young men at the MANWEB Training Centre at Hoylake as they ended their first period of apprenticeship a few weeks ago.

Mr. Williams, who was the guest speaker at the annual prizegiving ceremony, said that everyone was reluctant to take advice, especially when it was free and that we could always find an excuse for not taking it. "Yet", he said, "we all have one thing in common, we all want something!" He went on to say that to some, a steady job with a steady wage were important, while to others, an exciting job with plenty of risks

### CLEAN SHEET

The young man who was awarded the first prize for the best all-round performance was also the only apprentice to get through without a forfeit. The name of the young man with the clean sheet—very appropriate—Kenneth White.

appealed. Still more wanted increasing responsibilities with all the pleasures and pains that go with it.

To do any of these things, he said that you must rely on other people quite a lot, and to get

their co-operation you must make them like you.

Mr. Williams then went on to give praise to the parents of the boys at the Training Centre for the encouragement shown to their sons. He also thanked the landladies in the district who so ably cared for the boys during their first spell away from home. Finally he congratulated Mr. Ladner (Education and Training Officer) and his

### RAIN

For the first time in ten years, the fourth Friday in June, annual prize-giving at Hoylake, was marred by rain.

staff at the Centre on the way in which they organised the training programme and on their achievements throughout the years.

Then Mrs. Williams presented the prizes to the six apprentices who had gained top marks during their period at the Training Centre.

Apprentice Anthony Hood then rose to speak on behalf of all the boys at the Centre. He thanked Mr. Williams for his stimulating talk and Mrs. Williams for kindly coming along to present the prizes. He said that they all realised that to some extent the future prosperity of the Board was in their hands and with this in mind they would all do their very best. He concluded by saying that Hoylake had certainly left its mark on them all, in more ways than one!

## PRIZEWINNERS

### All-Round Performance:

1st: **Kenneth White**, apprentice electrician, Liverpool.

2nd: **Thomas S. Salkeld**, apprentice meter repairer, Liverpool.

### Electrical Subjects:

1st: **Glyn E. Jones**, apprentice electrician, Newtown.

2nd: **Michael D. Jones**, apprentice electrician, Denbigh.

### Mechanical Subjects:

1st: **Robert J. Edwards**, apprentice electrician, Wrexham.

2nd: **Frederick J. Parry**, apprentice meter repairer, Liverpool.

In addition to the above, a place on a Course at the West Highland School of Adventure at Applecross, Ross-shire, was awarded to **John T. Hampson**, apprentice electrical fitter, North Wirral.

Some of the men who 'set the standards'. *Left to right:* Messrs. W. S. Evans, R. Vernon, J. A. Bailey, P. Smith and G. Vowles.



### TRIBUTE

Mr. J. L. W. Ladner (Education and Training Officer) in paying a tribute to the staff at Hoylake said: "No enterprise such as this will produce better results than the standards set by the staff controlling it".

A bright smile from Mrs. Williams seated next to her husband who was guest speaker for the day. Seated left is Mr. Ladner and on the right is Mr. R. Slack (Principal Assistant, Education and Training). Standing behind are Messrs. J. H. Seymour and W. K. Appleton (senior assistant instructors).



# Talking Notes

## QUICK THINKING

ONE afternoon, a few weeks ago, service electrician **Mr. John Hamblett** of our Warrington Depot was driving his V.H.F. radio-equipped van to visit a consumer in the Fearnhead District. He pulled up at his destination and called on the consumer. As they talked together they heard the sound of a smashing of glass, and as they looked up the street they saw the figure of a child come falling through the glass panel in the front door of a nearby house.

They both ran to assist the child, a little boy who was cut about the face and was bleeding. It turned out that the consumer was a trained nurse and she asked John to get help to the scene quickly. The nearest telephone was too far

away to be of immediate use, so John quickly jumped into his van and called up Warrington Control with a request that they dialled 999 for medical assistance.

Very soon, an ambulance had arrived and was taking the injured boy to hospital . . . thanks to the initiative of a Man from MANWEB.

### Partners

A Welsh international swimmer, **Mr. Howard Barry**, who is employed as an electrician at



John Hamblett and his mini

MANWEB's depot at Mold, was recently elected as Captain of the Buckley and District Swimming Club and captain of the water-polo team. His fiancée, Miss Anne Brimblecombe, joined him when she was chosen as Lady Captain of the Club. We wish them both every success in their terms of office.

### Our Cover Picture

The attractive young lady brightening *Contact's* cover this month is **Mrs. Margaret Moore**, one of the MANWEB team of demonstrators who seem to enjoy spending their days talking or doing the washing, ironing and cooking.

When the photograph was taken, by the *Chester Chronicle* cameraman, Margaret, who is based at Chester Service Centre, had just prepared a selection of goodies, and set out on the table in front of her we see, from left to right: Quiche Lorraine, Danish ham rolls with cheese filling, Yogurt Mousse, Orange Ring, Baked Alaska, Sweetcorn Francais and Meringue Swans.

### Hon-Sec.

The new Honorary Secretary for the North Western Centre of the Institute of Road Transport Engineers is **Mr. J. McMullan**, transport foreman at Area 1.

### Captain

Our *Contact* Correspondent at Mold, chargehand electrician **Mr. E. W. Griffiths**, one of the longest serving members of the Padiwood and Buckley Golf Club, was elected as Club Captain recently.

### Vice-President

**Mr. A. P. Whyte**, Management Services Officer at Head Office, was recently elected as Vice-President of the Liverpool Society of Chartered Accountants.

### First-Aiders

We congratulate the following members of the Board's staff who recently received awards to commemorate their fifteen years' service

as first-aiders. They are, **Messrs. J. R. Boden** (Northwich), **A. N. Cuttler** (Crewe), **W. Jones** (Vauxhall, Wrexham), **R. Lunt** (Llandudno Junction), **H. Price** (Rhyl), **H. Williams** (Legacy, Wrexham) and **E. D. Jones** (Caernarvon).

### Lord Jones

Among the twelve new peers included in the last Dissolution Honours List was **Mr. T. W. Jones**, M.P. for Merioneth from 1951 until his retirement at this year's General Election.

A native of Rhos and a coal-miner's son, Mr. Jones was the Welfare and Public Relations Officer for the North Wales Power Company for the two years prior to nationalisation. After this he was appointed as Welfare and Education Officer to the Board's Area 4. His brother, Idwal Jones, is the Labour M.P. for Wrexham.

The new peer is a lay preacher, an eisteddfod conductor and a member of the Gorsedd of Bards. As the only Welsh speaking peer in the House of Lords, he will adopt the style **Lord Jones of Maelor**.

### Stork Visit

Congratulations to **Mr. Denis Farquhar** (2nd assistant engineer—Planning, Head Office) and Mrs. Farquhar on the birth of a son, David Ronald.

### Bert's Farewell

A very popular member of the Head Office staff, Mr. H. Hurford who worked in the audit depart-



Mr. H. Hurford



Mr. J. Hill (2nd Assistant Engineer—Transport) left, congratulates Driver of the Year Mr. J. Crouch

ment, left us recently to join the Electricity Council Research Centre at Capenhurst as a senior assistant in their accounts department. Before he left, however, Bert sent the following letter to us:

Dear Editor,  
I wonder if you would print my farewell to all the folk I met during my period on the Audit staff? I do thank you all for your good help. No longer will you have to scramble when you see my sylphlike figure approaching your domains. I do hope however, that our paths may still cross sometime in the future.

In the meantime, God Bless, and all the very best to you.

Sincerely,

Bert Hurford

P.S. I tried to persuade the Editor not to print my photograph, as I felt that a picture of my successor would probably suit you all much better!

### Driver of the Year

In this year's eliminating contest for the Liverpool Centre in the Lorry Driver of the Year Competition, **Mr. John A. Crouch** from our Pumpfields Depot was successful in winning the trophy for the class devoted to articulated vehicles. He also won a trophy for being the best driver in any class for articulated vehicles. Mr. Crouch has been driving for MANWEB for just over two years.

Drivers from many of the major commercial firms in the Liverpool area entered for the competition which was one of several eliminating contests held at various centres throughout the country. The winners of each class will be invited to compete in the final contest next September.

The competition brings together

the cream of the Gentlemen of the Road, a title which has been earned over the years by countless commercial drivers who have constantly displayed the extra degree of care and consideration which is the basis upon which road safety depends.

Another member of the transport staff at Pumpfields, **Mr. T. Jones**, entered the competition with his Thames Trader.

### Ahoy there!

Being in at the beginning seems to be the thing with **Miss Patricia Stubbs**, private secretary to the Management Services Officer at



**Chief Officer P. Stubbs on board H.M.S. Eaglet**

Head Office. In 1948, Patricia was in at the beginning when she joined MANWEB as secretary to the Purchasing Officer, a position she held until 1963 when she obtained her present job.

She was also in at the beginning when she became a member of the Woman's Royal Naval Reserve in 1952. She was promoted to officer in 1953 and two years later she was put in charge of the Mersey Division of the W.R.N.

Now she is ranked as Chief Officer, a promotion she gained

only a short time ago. We offer our heartiest congratulations to Patricia on her gaining the highest position attainable by a member of the Reserve.

This voluntary work must bring a great deal of satisfaction to Patricia as twice a week she goes down to Canning Dock in Liverpool to board H.M.S. *Eaglet* to supervise the training of about a hundred young girls. Going aboard this ship, in the heart of Liverpool, is quite an experience, for once you have 'gone below' you could be afloat on any of the oceans of the world.

### Return from Ghana

Earlier this year, one of our colleagues, **Mr. R. D. Evans**, who is now a principal assistant in the Audit Section, returned from a three-year spell in Accra, Ghana. Before making the trip, Mr. Evans worked in the Area 3 Accountancy Department.

Under contract to the Ministry of Overseas Development, Mr. Evans was seconded to the Electricity Division of the Ghana Government as part of the technical assistance scheme. He was appointed as Senior Accountant Training Officer, although his duties covered a wide range of accounting work which included arranging for their recent conversion to the decimal currency system.

Mr. Evans, who had his wife and two young sons with him, found the Ghanians, like the sunshine, to be warm and friendly. Leisure time was taken up with swimming, golf and badminton.

This three-year period, proved to be, for Mr. Evans, a very interesting and enlightening ex-



**Mr. R. D. Evans**

perience which he says has given him a far better understanding of the problems facing the developing countries of the world.

### Visit to France

On July 14th, an appropriate date, craft apprentice **John Makin** set off for a trip across the



**John in the test Lab.**

Channel for a twelve-day visit as a guest of Electricite de France.

John, who is at an advanced stage of his apprenticeship, joined with about 20 other young men chosen from the various sections of the electricity supply industry in this country, and visited the French apprentice training establishment and a number of factories in addition to sight-seeing at the many places of interest. We are not quite sure whether they included the 'Follies' in their itinerary!

It was just about four years ago that John joined the Board, starting his apprenticeship at Hoylake. Since then he has worked in Area 1 in preparation for receiving his Indentures and Certificate of Apprenticeship next February.

In the meantime, John has obtained his O.N.C. and is now taking the A1 examination for the Higher National Certificate at the Liverpool College of Advanced Technology.

A keen camper and swimmer, John is now eagerly looking forward to his second holiday this year—a trip to Italy.

## Electricity in Nigeria

by **A. Nwokedi**,

a Public Relations Officer with the Electricity Corporation of Nigeria, who recently spent some time with MANWEB.

**T**HE first of their kind in West Africa, two gas-fired power stations are now being built in the Creek area of Nigeria to exploit the fields of natural gas recently discovered there. When they are completed later this year, the stations will help to serve a domestic market whose demand for electricity is rising at a rate of 20 per cent a year.

This latest development is a far cry from the pioneer days of the industry in Nigeria when in 1898 the country's first power station was erected along Marina Lagos by the Government of Southern Nigeria. Built at a cost of £6,000, it comprised two small steam engines with belt-driven, 30 kilowatt, 1,000 volt, 80 cycles, single-phase alternators, and provided light for Government House and also street lighting along the Marina. The engines were operated only between the hours of 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. During the first year of operation, the maximum demand record was 20 kilowatts but by 1909 demand had increased to 65 kilowatts with a total installed capacity of 120 kilowatts.

Further progress did not continue quite as rapidly as elsewhere in the world, however. As the load increased, the uneconomic steam engines were replaced by diesel power, but the tempo of development was arrested by the outbreak of war in 1914.

Between the wars, the demand for electricity soared. No longer was it considered the luxury of a rich minority, but recognised, instead, as an essential factor in the country's development. In 1923, the 3,600 kilowatt Ijora 'A' power station was commissioned in Lagos, and in the decade leading up to 1939, nine undertakings were commissioned in various parts of the country.

But the real turning point for the industry came on July 6th, 1950, with the creation of the Electricity Corporation of Nigeria (E.C.N.). Inheriting a few scattered and uneconomic stations—the largest was the 13.7 megawatt coal-fired plant at Ijora—the Corporation has in sixteen years effected a real transformation so that now Nigeria has its own national grid plan, the first in Africa south of the Sahara. In anticipation of the power inflow from the 1,200 megawatt Kainji hydro-electric power station, to be commissioned in 1968, the E.C.N. is now building a 330 k.v. transmission system linking all Nigeria's major



**Mr. A. Nwokedi**

cities—the highest transmission voltage system so far under construction in West Africa.

At the same time, the distribution networks in the industrial cities are being reinforced and modernised to carry this power to consumers. When these 33 k.v. distribution reinforcements are completed this year, security will be such that the chances of major power failure will be very remote.

*A programme of rural electrification—the New Towns Scheme—aims at supplying light to all the towns and villages in the country. To date, more than a hundred towns have been electrified and it is envisaged that by 1970 the people in nearly every town in Nigeria will have been able to discard for ever their traditional means of lighting.*

The E.C.N. has embarked on a series of ambitious training schemes for Nigerians. More than 200 students have been sponsored for advanced courses at universities and technical colleges, and more scholarships are granted yearly to enable qualified Nigerians to specialise in various fields of engineering, accountancy and administration.

It can be seen that the electricity industry in Nigeria has developed at a most impressive rate. There are still many obstacles to be overcome, but the extent of the E.C.N.'s nation-wide modernisation and construction programme holds out genuine hope that the industry can keep pace with the expected rise in demand.



The imposing entrance to the MANWEB marquee. On the right is the radio-equipped service van which attracted so much attention.

## MANWEB at Hooton Park

A dozen manufacturers of domestic electrical equipment joined with the Board's Area 2/3 Commercial Department in getting together a very attractive stand which graced Hooton Park, the venue for this year's Cheshire Show. Many of the thousands of visitors to the showground visited the MANWEB marquee where sales staff were on the spot to show them that here is where they could get value—first and always. The judges too must have thought very highly of our exhibit for it won their Gold Medal Award for Household Equipment.

An eye-catcher at the front of the marquee was one of the Board's nippy little radio-equipped service vans, complete with its Man from MANWEB! Radio contact with the Chester District Office was kept very busy as the younger

visitors tried out their own version of "Z Cars".

Everyone who had a hand—or a voice—in the planning and erection of the many displays which showed a comprehensive range of electrical products must be congratulated on their very fine effort.



Above: Putting the finishing touches to the floral decorations around the Stand are, left, Mr. C. Stubbs (head gardener) and Mr. R. Eardley (gardener) both from Sandiway House.

Left: This nicely-displayed exhibit showing a variety of styles and designs of storage radiators brought many enquiries from the visitors to the Show.



The MANWEB Sales Team on opening day. *Left to right:* Mr. T. Mason (sales representative), Mr. W. Bebbington (consumers' engineer) Miss A. Charters (trainee demonstrator), Miss S. Kinder (sales trainee), Mr. L. Smith (Principal Assistant, Marketing), Mrs. N. Wilcox (senior demonstrator) and Mr. N. Maden (District Commercial Engineer).

on  
duty



Seeing that everything was wired up and plugged in were, *left to right:* Messrs. R. Coldrick (chargehand electrician), G. Phelps (meter fixer), C. Walkden (apprentice electrician) and A. Crowe (installation inspector).



at the  
Show



Some of the team who helped to get the Stand ready. *Left to right:* Messrs. J. Baker and T. Pitt (Display Department, Chester), F. Jump (electrician), D. J. Wilmott (senior assistant, Marketing) and J. Wilson (Display Department, Chester).



The victors. The professional-looking line up of the MANWEB apprentice team. *Left to right, back row:* Peter Reynolds, John Hampson, Donald Hatfield, Vincent O'Gorman, James Tyrer and Malcolm Godfrey. *Front row:* Charles Beattie, Peter Leadbetter, Roy Wrigley, Peter Cooper and Bryan Sears.

**Result:**

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**APPRENTICES TURN THE TABLES**

In a ding-dong struggle, Hoylake Apprentices gained a narrow win, despite a late rally by the Head Office side, in the annual challenge match played a few weeks ago at West Kirby. Thus they avenged their defeat of last year.

Two minutes after the start, Head Office took the lead with a fine goal from Bent. Hoylake plugged their defence and settled down to play some fine football and were rewarded on the half-hour with a goal from Beattie. Minutes later they shot into the lead when Wrigley caught goalkeeper Broughton out of position.

Shortly after the interval, a goal by Maxwell brought Head Office back on level terms, but this stung the Apprentices into attack and after a

period of heavy pressure, they moved into a two-goal lead through Hatfield and Leadbetter. At this stage, things looked black for the Head Office team, but they fought back and reduced the arrears with a brilliant header from centre-half Kennedy. Further recovery was beyond them

however, and Hoylake finished on top, thanks largely to their strong defence.

Following the game, the usual 'fish-and-chip' supper was enjoyed by all.

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

From Division 3 to Division 1 in two years requires quite a big effort, but this exceptional success has been achieved by the MANWEB football team at Northwich. Playing in the North Western Sunday Football League, the team ran out as champions of the Second Division,

winning 21 matches, drawing two and losing only one. They scored 81 goals and had the ball in their net 11 times.

In addition to winning the League Cup, they were runners-up in the T.V. Trophy, just losing in the final.



Sweet smell of success. The Northwich Champions, *from left to right, back row:* Messrs. B. Edgeley, J. Williamson, B. O'Neil, J. Burgess, A. Barker, J. Adams and G. Manley. *Front row:* Messrs. B. Barrow, R. England, G. Litler (captain), A. Leather, K. Barrow and B. Tench. Three others who also played during the season were Messrs. K. Oakes, T. Murphy and D. Stubbs.



*Above:* The 'Lords'. *Left to right:* Messrs. J. Heaton, R. J. Howard (12th man), M. Brown, A. Pleasant, J. J. Horner, R. I. Jowett, E. C. Capp, A. T. Smith, W. J. Osbaldeston, R. A. Rigby, L. J. Scudamore, J. A. Bell and E. Kelly (umpire).

*Right:* The 'Grand'. *Left to right:* Messrs. E. Lloyd, K. Mitchell, R. S. Wright, A. Jesson, E. Tomlinson, M. Baker, R. Walker, D. Pearce, K. Winrow, D. Fazakerly and P. G. Watts.



**"LORDS" v. "GRAND"**

The annual cricket fixture between 'Lords' and 'Grand' took place at Southport a few weeks ago. As the 'Grand' players took the field, their opponents made a shaky start before Jowett stood his ground to make 20 runs before losing his wicket. The innings ended in the 20th over, with the score at 52 all out.

The strong-armed men of the 'Grand' team then went in to bat and had 26 runs on the board before the first wicket fell. The end came very quickly as the 'Lords' score was passed for the loss of two wickets and ten overs bowled. The side continued to bat and excitement mounted as Jowett took two wickets with consecutive balls and just failed to get a hat-trick.

An enjoyable evening was brought to a close as the *Cinders* were presented to Babs Walker as captain of the 'Grand'.

**Football . . . . . and Cricket**

**FRIENDLY MATCH**

Teams from Head Office and Southport District met to play in a friendly cricket match recently in Liverpool. Batting first, Southport, after a poor start managed to knock-up 72 runs thanks to some sturdy batting by Robinson, Pearce and Mellor.

Then Head Office went in to bat and after a disastrous start, losing the first three wickets for two runs, Dickinson came in and thrashed the bowling for an unbeaten 50 to guide his team to victory, valuable support being given by Dutton and Falcon.

The MANWEB cricket team who played and won through the first round of the Nalgo Cup, having a very easy victory over the Mersey & Weaver Catchment Board. *Left to right, back row:* Messrs. P. Byrne, T. Jones, N. Turner, G. Harrison, J. Rotherham and J. Pilkington (12th man). *Front row:* Messrs. T. Dutton, R. Andrews, L. T. Broughton, J. Thorp and J. Thomson. *Inset:* Mr. J. Dickinson.



## We get letters . . .

### IN THE PRESS

Dear Sir,

So often it is the adverse criticism, particularly of nationalised industries, which obtains publicity.

Whilst it is right to expect high standards it is only fair to pay tribute to exceptional service.

Such a service it was my experience to obtain from the Wallasey MANWEB maintenance department.

Asking for a cooker repair to be carried out, if possible, the following day during certain hours when I would be at home. I obtained a visit from the engineers exactly in accordance with the time I had specified. The repair was completed with efficiency by men who could not have been more courteous and friendly.

(Signed)  
Wallasey

### QUICK ON THE JOB

Dear Sir,

I should like to thank you for the very prompt attention your staff gave to the fault in our supply last Saturday.

It was a great help to us to find everything working on Monday morning and even the clock on the central heating had been re-set

(Signed)  
Oswestry

### TAKE A BOW, CHESTER

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed cheque in settlement of my account, but I feel that I cannot finalise it without a comment concerning your Sales Department. Being a Sales Representative I enjoy being sold to and conversely have no time for apathetic sales staff.

I went into your Showrooms with the desire only to have the electricity re-connected in my new bungalow, and came out

having been sold a Hotpoint cooker. First class sales staff are rare in Public Services Organisations I find, so you have every reason to be proud of your staff.

(Signed)  
Wem

### OLD-TIMER

Dear Sir,

Please accept my grateful thanks to the Board, your notification re. the pension arrangement increase as from the 1st January, 1966.

(Signed)  
Abergele

*P.S.—a personal note—I started at the Salford Electricity Works in 1904 as an apprentice, after a 3-years course in Electrical Engineering at the Salford Technical Institute. So I claim to be a real "old timer".*

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Dear Sirs,

I would like to let you know how extremely grateful I am for the outstanding response I received from your staff when the 3-phase supply shorted here, today, SUNDAY. I doubt if more efficient service would be available anywhere in the world. Please convey my sincere thanks to ALL concerned including the duty engineer who answered the phone.

(Signed)  
Oswestry

### APPRECIATED

Dear Sirs,

I would like to thank you and those members of your staff who connected the supply to my home. I very much appreciate the prompt and efficient manner in which you handled my enquiry and request. Having moved house from Cambridge,

with all the attending problems involved in removals to a new District, we very much appreciate your services.

(Signed)  
Chester

### INSIDE OUT!

Dear Sir,

Could you please ring \* \* \* \* for appointment as there is never always someone in.

(Signed)  
Liverpool Irish?

### MURDER

Dear Sir,

**Murder at Llandudno Junction**

I would like to bring to your notice the valuable assistance rendered to the Police by your Mr. L. Price of your Llandudno Junction Office, in connection with the investigation into the above matter.

Mr. Price readily arranged the flood-lighting of the scene, which enabled the investigators to do their work. His advice was invaluable and he and his staff went about their work in an extremely efficient manner.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly convey to him my thanks for all that he did to help the police.

(Signed)  
Chief Constable

### . . . AND FINALLY

The following note was received from some County Court Officials in our Area explaining why they had been unable to bring a certain defendant into court.

"Defendant has been in hospital. Will be executed at the week-end."

Comment from our Accounts Department — Although outstanding debts are most energetically pursued — we don't go this far . . . yet!

## Marsh Lane Outing

Reported by Mr. C. S. Shimmin

One Saturday a few weeks ago, the staff at Marsh Lane turned their backs on the grime and dust of the gasworks, tar distillers and other illustrious landmarks at Bootle for a visit to the rural beauties of the land of Will. Shakespeare or as it is better known, Stratford-on-Avon.

Rising at the crack of dawn, we assembled at 8.30 a.m. with the gloomy voice of the weather forecaster ringing in our ears to the tune of 'rain spreading from the north to all parts'. However, nothing daunted, we set forth in a luxury coach and were soon bowling along the M6 at high speed with the sun shining and spirits rapidly rising. By the time we stopped for our coffee break at the motorway cafe, the camera enthusiasts were babbling merrily about short exposures and lens hoods to keep out the sun.

When we arrived at Stratford, it seemed as if half the population of Britain had decided to pay the town a visit and 'twas a merrie sight which we beheld with the swans gliding majestically along the river and the wenches in their short skirts gliding along the river banks. After an excellent lunch the party went their various ways. Some to look at the shops, some to ponder whether to see 'Henry IV, Part I, some to cruise down the river on a sunny afternoon. The more energetic souls seized sculls and punt poles and worked off their lunch. One pair, who shall be nameless, ventured out with a canoe which proved a trifle unstable and deposited its contents into the river. The drying-out facilities were very kindly provided by the local National Health Service at the hospital with no prescription charges.

The Stratford-on-Avon cricket team was playing in a delightful setting and provided some members of the party with a very relaxing afternoon's entertainment, as a contrast to the heart-rending test match results which were heard from time to time on nearby transistor radios.

All good things must come to an end and after a very appetising tea we had to bid a reluctant farewell to the beauties of rural England.

### . . . FOR SALE . . .

Silver Cross High Pram. Navy blue with matching canopy. £10 or nearest offer. Ring STOneycroft 4736, or write to Box 71, Contact, MANWEB, Love Lane, Liverpool 3.

### NEW OFF-PEAK TARIFF

From the 1st August, MANWEB are introducing a new and lower price for off-peak electricity to their domestic and farm consumers.

The new rate is 0.85d per unit. Supply will be available for three hours during the afternoon and for eight hours at night and is specially designed to meet the needs of consumers for a cheap, efficient and clean central heating system in their homes. The only rate previously available that was suitable for domestic purposes was 0.95d. per unit for twelve hours of supply.

Electric central heating is already cheap to buy and very simple to install, and this new low price off-peak tariff will emphasize how cheap it is to run. The combination of low buying and low running costs together with the advantages of cleanliness, and efficiency, make electric central heating outstanding as a bargain.

### NIGHT LIGHTS

Research into street lighting of traffic routes has shown that the most important factors to avoid are abrupt changes in the level of brightness and glare.

Mr. C. C. Smith of Liverpool Corporation, in a paper submitted to the Illuminating Engineering Society meeting at Harrogate recently, said that there was a strong case to be made for the use of 'cut-off' lanterns (which prevented direct light being seen by the driver), and of lamp columns sited in the centre reserve.

Referring to an experiment carried out with a light-coloured road surface which had been laid in place of the variety of darker bituminous surfaces, he said that this had had the effect of evening out the level of brightness and had resulted in fewer accidents occurring after dark.

Another experiment involved the spacing of 'cut-off' lanterns three times the normal distance apart, and results showed that despite the reduction in the number of lamps, accidents after dark had been substantially reduced.

Turning to the problem of city centres, Mr. Smith said that for large squares or open areas and for complicated multi-level junctions, high mast installations were proving particularly satisfactory. Many types of lamps were available including mercury fluorescent lamps, the Xenon lamp (which produced a very pure white light) and the new high pressure sodium lamp.