

Welcome to the following employees:

Head Office: Messrs. J. S. Flynn (clerk, Registry) and B. Forrester (ass. storekeeper, Queensferry).

Area 1 Office: Miss I. J. Beggs (machine operator), Miss P. J. Cooke (shorthand typist), Miss P. Dixon (machine operator), Mrs. D. Ekblom (clerk), Miss K. Geoghegan (machine operator), Miss N. Murphy (typist), Miss J. Nimmin (machine operator), Miss E. M. Robinson (typist), Miss I. Smith (clerk), Miss J. Storey (machine operator), Miss B. Stynes, Miss M. Sullivan, Miss V. Trott, Mrs. B. Wainwright and Miss B. White (clerks). Messrs. A. Alexander (fitter), L. Arnold (clerk), H. D. Carter (senior assistant, Costs), T. P. Coleman (meter repairer), M. Fallding (fitter), S. Hurwitz (watchman), H. Kirkwood (meter repairer), M. C. McBride (messenger), J. Roulston (watchman) and W. A. Stewart (meter repairer). *Central District:* G. Burke, J. Dreves, J. C. Fairhurst, A. E. Heeley, J. J. Queen (labourers, Pumpfields). *North District:* Mrs. J. Corrin (clerk. Messrs. J. Balger, J. Barlow, B. P. Breslin, W. Brogan, W. Clarke, C. M. Crummy, H. Darracott, W. Done, W. Fairchild, S. Gorman, J. R. Harrison, T. Hughes, J. J. Murphy, W. Roberts, L. Robinson, A. T. Smith, J. Weild and R. J. William (labourers). *South District:* Messrs. J. Coyne, G. T. Lamb, F. Marren, J. Mealor, T. P. Nolan, S. Phillips (labourers), V. A. Rawlinson (electrician), R. G. White T. H. Williams, R. W. Wooding (labourers). M. L. Wynne (electrician). *Southport District:* Miss C. Atherton (clerk) and Mrs. J. Buck (shorthand typist). Messrs. J. K. Jackson (lab.), J. W. Lennon (foreman meter reader/collector) and W. L. Thornton (labourer).

Area 2/3 Office: Miss J. A. Jones (clerk), Mrs. B. Stopford (machine operator) and Mrs. E. M. Tilston (typist). Mr. G. J. Griffiths (clerk). *St. Helens District:* Mrs. M. Thorpe (shorthand typist). Messrs. W. Crooks, A. Cutts, L. Frodsham, T. Grisedale (labourers), J. Johnson (linesman—E.H.T.), J. Meadows, A. J. Rogers (labourers) and A. Smith (driver). *Warrington District:* Messrs. J. Daley (labourer), N. F. Gleave (fitter's mate—mech.), B. G. Jenkinson (junior labourer), W. Smith (labourer) and E. Walker (jointer's mate). *Runcorn District:* Messrs. J. W. Bellfield, A. Byrne (labourers), P. J. Edwards (electrician) and W. G. Johnson (labourer). *Northwich District:* Messrs. J. W. Boyd, G. W. Cook, E. Nixon, B. Walker (labourers). *Chester District:* Messrs. J. Dutton (labourer), H. H. Jones (caretaker's assistant/watchman), E. W. Long (jointer), B. T. Price, T. O. Rowlands, S. A. Syvret, B. D. Williams (labourers), D. H. Williams (electrician), R. R. Williams (sales representative). *North Wirral:* Mrs. B. McLearnon (cleaner). Messrs. M. H. James (sales representative), J. R. Knowles (senior service centre assistant), W. G. McNicholas

(labourer), A. Turnock (clerk).

Area 4 Office: Miss M. Jackson (comptometer operator). Messrs. E. Clays (labourer), G. P. Edwards, M. J. Jones (clerks). *Wrexham District:* Miss M. R. Jones (service centre assistant). Messrs. J. T. Anderson, G. J. Archer, B. J. Powell (labourers). *Crewe District:* Mr. J. W. Ralphs (labourer).

Congratulations to the following employees on their promotions:

Head Office: Mr. E. Lunt (senior assistant, Salaries, Wages and Superannuation).

Area 1 Office: Mr. J. Moore (records draughtsman). *Central District:* Mr. J. Stead (assistant, Commercial clerical). *North District:* Mr. E. J. Lunt (assistant, Commercial clerical). *South District:* Messrs. W. Banks, J. Barton (fitter's mates). *Southport District:* Mr. B. H. Cummins (transport driver).

Area 2/3 Office: Mr. H. E. O. Stubbs (assistant, Cash). *St. Helens District:* Messrs. W. T. Jones (transport drivers), J. Kerr (fitters mate, mech.), W. E. Kirby (transport driver), C. K. Moreton (electrician) and G. W. Wands (transport driver). *Warrington District:* Mrs. L. Forrester (canteen attendant), Messrs. R. Condliffe (chargehand fitter, electrical) and S. A. G. Lowe (jointer M.V.). *Runcorn District:* Messrs. A. Hughes (transport driver) and M. Snelson (fitters mate, mech.). *Northwich District:* Mr. M. Brodie (electrician). *Chester District:* Mr. G. Thomas (electrician). *North Wirral District:* Messrs. G. B. Banks (transport foreman), T. S. M. Bowen (chargehand bricklayer), T. M. L. Ellwood (installation inspector), W. J. Fleet (bricklayer's mate), E. D. H. Harris (switchboard attendant) and W. E. Povall (sub-station attendant).

Area 4 Office: Mr. C. Thomas (bender and fixer of bars for reinforced concrete). *Oswestry District:* Messrs. G. Jones (records draughtsman) and J. C. Jones (jointer). *Clwyd District:* Messrs. I. T. Hughes (transport driver), I. J. Nethercott (chargehand electrician) and N. Walley (installation inspector). *Caernarvon District:* Mr. W. A. Jones (senior service centre assistant).

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

Head Office: Miss D. Corris (multilith operator) and Mr. K. A. Martin (principal assistant, Internal Audit).

Area 1 Office: Mr. C. H. Jones (painter). *North District:* Mr. H. Hughes (installation inspector). *South District:* Mr. F. Thompson (consumers engineer). *Southport District:* Messrs. A. McLoughlin (transport driver) and W. Heyes (electrician).

Area 2/3. *St. Helens District:* Mr. A. Pennington (clerk). *North Wirral District:* Mrs. M. Pritchard (service centre assistant) and Mr. J. Cartwright (labourer).

Area 4. *Clwyd District:* Mr. W. L. Roberts (storekeeper). *Anglesey District:* Mr. R. Williams (labourer).

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ELECTRICALLY DELIVERED
DINNER! (SEE PAGE 91.)



PRESS STATEMENT

Sir Ronald Edwards, Chairman of the Electricity Council issued the following press statement recently.

"I have been asked by many journalists to comment on recent statements made by the Gas Council about North Sea gas, and especially on the indications given as to possible future price reductions to the customers of the Gas Boards.

"While it is true that the Gas Council's own statements are qualified and no doubt carefully considered, the implication left in the public mind by the press reports is that in future the price of gas relative to that of electricity will become much more favourable. Since this implication may already be affecting consumers' choice, the Electricity Council feels bound to point out that there is no justification for any assumption that the national benefits from North Sea gas will be confined to the customers of the Gas Boards.

"Natural gas is only an additional, though extremely useful, indigenous source of heat. If it turns out to be available in large quantities and cheaply it may well affect the prices of other heat sources. Moreover, it could effectively and easily be used in power stations without any consequential need to alter the distribution networks or consumer apparatus.

"Until the implications for other sources of energy have been worked out and until the government has settled policy on which it will doubtless consult all the fuel and power industries, it is quite impossible to say what the aggregate and relative effects will be. Consumers would be unwise, therefore, to assume that the comparative costs will change in favour of gas. The Electricity Boards have every intention of seeking to safeguard the interests of their consumers in securing efficient and economical electricity supplies."



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EDITORIAL

Rural Revolution

WHEN THE nationalised Electricity Boards came into being just over eighteen years ago, most of the rural areas of Britain had sketchy—if any—electricity supplies. In our own area, throughout rural North Wales, paraffin lamps and candles provided the lighting in the great majority of homes. Coal and wood provided heat for comfort and cooking, and the family wash was usually done in a copper boiler boasting its own small furnace. Entertainment and news from the outside world usually came from old-fashioned "wireless sets" powered by a dry battery and an accumulator which always seemed to need charging.

Today, with MANWEB's committed Rural Electrification Programme on the verge of completion, the rural revolution is absolute. All the modern devices which go to make up a comfortable and convenient home life are available to practically everyone in the Area. Power has been made available to make possible the revitalisation of the rural economy, and to lighten the everyday tasks of the farmer. The young people of the most remote Welsh hamlet are as "with it" as those in the slickest city suburb.

There are encouraging signs, too, on the farming front. For a long period it seemed that many farmers were very tardy in taking advantage of their new servant's ability. As our cover-picture story indicates, there are now indications that more and more progressive-minded farmers are seizing the opportunity which electricity affords them. Doubtless many others will soon follow their lead.

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To the Memory of
THE NORTH WALES DEVELOPMENT



If the 'HIGHER-UPS' had decided to develop any 'HIGHER UP', musical instruction would have had to become part of one's training!

Cartoon by Mr. B. G. Thompson (assistant section engineer, Legacy).



Brimford House Farm—pacemaker for change.

CHANGES . . . DOWN ON THE FARM

Electricity fills the gaps

UP TO A few years ago Mr. R. H. Dawson, a well-known figure in farming and political circles in Montgomeryshire, had anything up to 12 men to help him run his 185-acre farm at Brimford House, Criggion, Welshpool.

But, like many other farmers in mid-Wales, Mr. Dawson found that the lure of better-paid jobs in the industrial Midlands was drawing many young men away from the area, constituting a continual drain on the agricultural labour force. As this situation has developed, Mr. Dawson has turned more and more to electricity to solve his problems, until today, with a staff of only three, Brimford House farm is producing more foodstuffs than ever before.

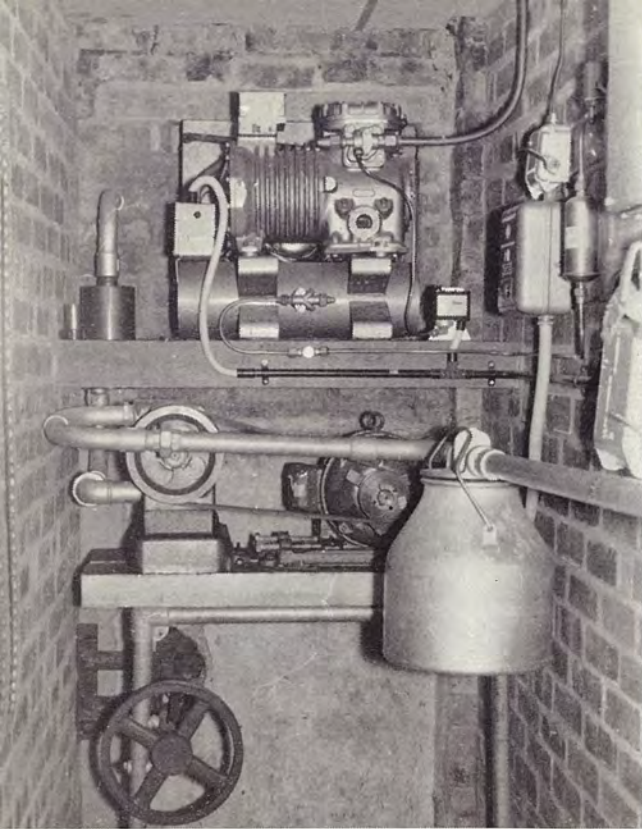
The electricity story at Brimford House began

in November, 1957, when supply was provided at 15 kW capacity, single phase. Five years later 3-phase supply of 25 kW was installed, and in December 1965 the capacity was increased to 100 kW.

Brimford House is primarily a dairy farm, with 100 head of Friesian and Ayrshire cattle, and all phases of cattle feeding and milk production are now automated, with electricity as the driving force.

The milling and mixing of the cattle food is done automatically to a predetermined content. The meal is then carried by an electrically driven auger to the milking parlour where each cow is fed according to its yield.

The silage feeding system is also entirely



The heart of the matter—a cubicle at the rear of the milking parlour housing the compressor for the bulk milk tank, and the vacuum pump for the milk line.

Electricity at work . . .

automated. A 30 h.p. motor lifts the hay to the top of the silage tower and a long slow turning auger feeds the treated silage from the base of the tower into the feeding pen.

On the farm there are many other electrically operated pieces of equipment such as a 400 gallon refrigerated bulk milk storage tank with the associated milking and pumping motors.

All in all Mr. Dawson says, "Electricity is a boon to the farmer of today. Either he makes full use of the facilities offered or gets left behind in the race to increase productivity."

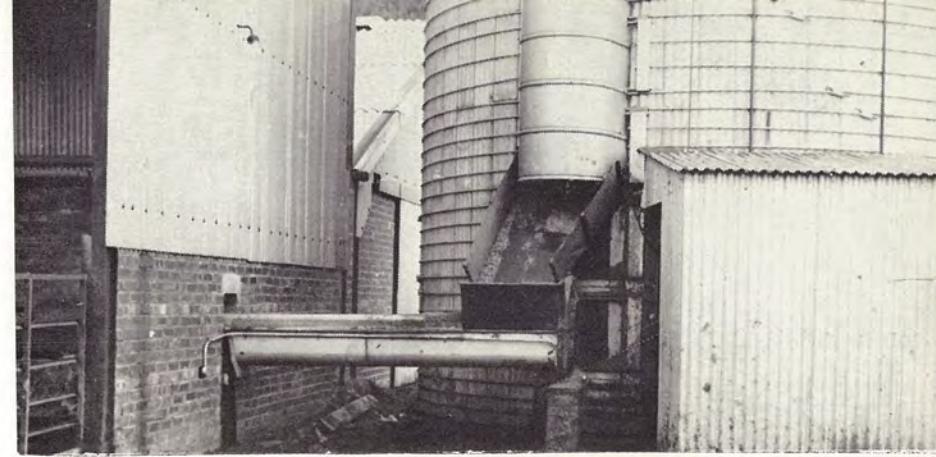
Electricity has proved to be a big boon too, to Mrs. Dawson. Catering for a farming family is hard work, but her task is lightened by an electric cooker, refrigerator, dishwasher and various other labour-saving devices.

While Brimford House is an outstanding example, there are many other instances of farms in Oswestry District—and in other parts of the Board's area—where electricity is stepping in to lighten the farmer's load, to ease the drain of manpower from the land and to take over tasks which for time immemorial have been performed only at the cost of arduous physical labour.

Mrs. Dawson in her all-electric kitchen.

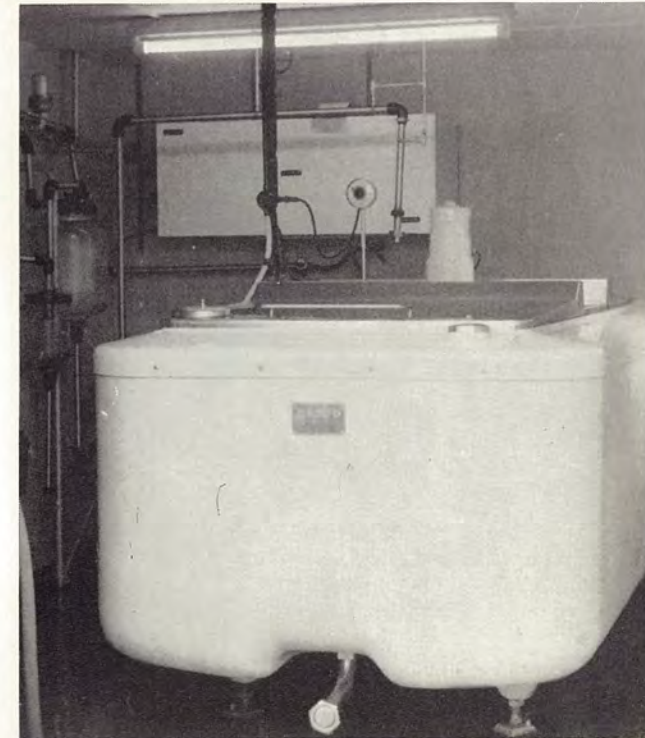


Delivery system from the silo to the feeding pen shown in our COVER PICTURE.

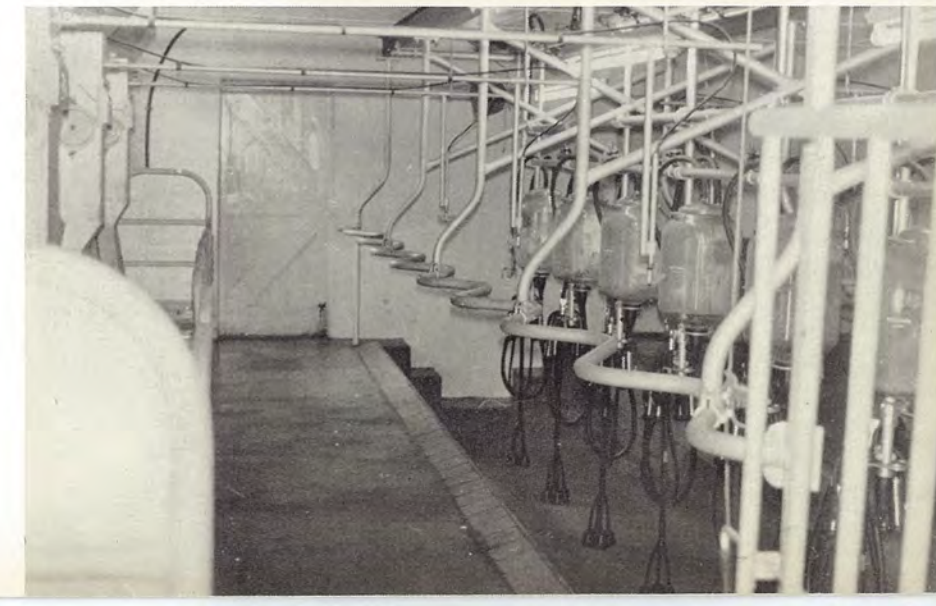


. . . around Brimford House

The 400-gallon bulk milk storage tank.



The milking parlour— with electric milkers, strip lighting, and food delivery system.





The 'Open Forum' panel at Northwich. Left to right: Messrs. R. Penny (shift electrician), E. Bratt (driver), W. W. Makin (District Engineer), J. W. Trimble (Manager, Area 2/3), A. Stewart (District Commercial Engineer) and N. P. Simes (District Senior Clerk).

Employees Meeting at Northwich

The new look Employees Meeting held a short time ago in the Memorial Hall Northwich, coincided with the opening of an electrical exhibition staged by the District Commercial staff. About 80 people attended the Meeting, including seven retired employees, and they all enjoyed a buffet meal, followed by an Open

Forum when a variety of questions were raised from the floor to be answered by a panel composed of Mr. J. W. Trimble (Manager, Area 2/3) and members of the No. 9 L.A.C. This type of meeting proved to be most interesting and informative and has probably set the pattern for the future.

A general view of the Exhibition in the Memorial Hall, Northwich.



New Style Conferences

Area 4 Office and Wrexham District broke new ground recently when for the first time they held their annual Employees' Conference separately from their colleagues in the Oswestry District. Previously the joint gathering had been held at the Denbighshire Technical College but the Wrexham Local Advisory Committee, thinking that a hotel environment might perhaps prove less formal than that of the college, decided to hold the conference in the ballroom of Wrexham's Wynnstay Hotel.

During the morning session, which was attended by some 160 staff members, the conference was addressed by Dr. Glyn O. Phillips, Head of Chemistry at the University College of Wales and Monmouth at Cardiff. Dr. Phillips, who has taken part in numerous radio and television programmes dealing with medical and scientific matters, called his talk, "Science—Friend or Foe?" This proved most interesting and instructive, dealing as it did with developments which have followed the harnessing of atomic power, and ranging over the whole field of science and medicine.

Following Dr. Phillips' address, those present were shown the film, "Inform and Consult", and the morning's programme concluded with a brief talk by Mr. A. Kidd (Secretary, Area 4) entitled "The National Plan".

Lunch followed, attended by about 130 employees, most of whom remained for the afternoon session. This was devoted to a talk by Mr. R. N. Pegg (formerly Manager, Area 4), on aspects of the journey to America which he undertook following his retirement. Conditions in the Electricity Supply Industry in the United States were compared with those with which he was so well acquainted in Britain. The talk was illustrated with slides. All who attended were unanimous in their approval of the arrangements for the conference, the result of much hard work

by Mr. Eifion Jones (secretary, Local Advisory Committee). The Chairman of the L.A.C., Mr. E. T. Peters (District Manager) presided over the meeting.

Mr. Pegg at Oswestry

Oswestry District employees, meeting on their own for the first time, were also able to enjoy Mr. Pegg's reminiscences for he was a guest at their Conference as well.

Held at the Queen's Hotel, Oswestry, the evening's entertainment began with supper. Many employees and retired employees were among the 85 people who attended by personal invitation.

The visitors and those of the Board's chief officers who were present heard Mr. J. L. Williams, Chairman of the L.A.C., open the Conference and bid them all welcome. Then Mr. Warburton, the Secretary, gave his yearly report.

After Mr. Pegg had given his illustrated lecture, the Chairman expressed the appreciation of all present for this most interesting and comprehensive item. There followed a short address by Mr. M. M. Parker (Secretary and Solicitor) in which he explained certain aspects of current Board policy.

The final speaker was Mr. K. Helliwell (Manager, Area 4) who gave an up-to-the-minute report on present trends within the Area, and found time also for a short address on safety matters.

So ended a very successful evening, which was subsequently described as the most interesting, informative and worthwhile venture yet undertaken by No. 13 L.A.C. The Oswestry Committee consider that the new arrangements have much to commend them, so much so that a sub-committee has already been formed to make the preliminary arrangements and to book a speaker for next year!

Obituary

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of Mrs. M. Thorburn, head cook at Lister Drive; Mr. J. Anyon, an installation inspector in the North Wirral District; Mr. G. G. Charters, an assembler in the Lister Drive workshops; Mr. J. Foley, aged 71, a pensioner from St. Helens District; Mr. J. D. Higginson, a mate in

the Lister Drive workshops; Mr. E. W. Jones, a driver at Pumpfields, Liverpool; Mr. E. Kingsbury a meter reader/collector in the North Wirral District; Mr. J. McFarlane, a labourer at Pumpfields, Liverpool; Mr. J. E. Roberts, a labourer in the Legacy Depot, Area 4; Mr. A. Sharples, a welder in the Lister Drive workshops and Mr. T. Sutton, aged 65, a pensioner from Crewe District.



Mr. Charles and Mr. Frank Thompson marked their retirements with a party at the Thingwall Road Clubhouse. Our picture shows Mr. Frank, *third from left, front row*, and Mr. Charles, *fifth from left, front row*, with some of their friends.

THE THOMPSON BROTHERS

Within a very short time of each other, two brothers, Mr. Charles and Mr. Frank Thompson retired from service with the Board. Between them they had put in just over 90 years' service in the supply industry, working together for most of the time.

First to go was Charles, who worked as an assistant installation inspector at Lister Drive. He started work way back in 1917 as an apprentice electrician with the Liverpool Corporation Electricity Supply Department. Later he worked as a wireman before joining the meter and inspection departments.

During the last war, he served with the famous 89th West Lancs. Battalion of the Home Guard in Liverpool.

Between 1946 and 1949 he held a variety of jobs and designations, finishing up as a junior engineer. In 1954 he was appointed to the job he held on his retirement.

Charles has now retired to his bungalow in Neston. He told us that he really enjoys having a day out, especially a trip to Blackpool. He is not bothered about having so much free time as he says, "I love being idle!"

Younger brother, Frank, retired from his job as consumers' engineer in the Liverpool South District a few weeks ago. He too started as an apprentice electrician, but with a Liverpool contractor. When he qualified, he joined his brother with the Corporation where he spent most of his time working on the D.C. to A.C. change-

over project. Later he was promoted to inspector and worked in the service engineers department.

Even the war could not part these brothers, for Frank joined Charles in the Home Guard.

After the industry was nationalised, Frank became a consumers' engineer based at Lister Drive.

Now that he has retired and not tied to the daily grind, Frank is planning to visit one of his married daughters who lives in the U.S.A. We wish him the best of luck and a happy time.

Mr. H. ROBERTS

After 40 years' service in the electricity supply industry, Mr. H. Roberts, stores superintendent at Area 2/3, retired a few weeks ago.

On behalf of his many friends and colleagues, Mr. K. S. Leach (Accountant, Area 2/3) marked the occasion by presenting Mr. Roberts with a vacuum cleaner as a token of their esteem. Mr. Leach spoke of the long and devoted service given to the industry by Mr. Roberts, first with the Birkenhead Corporation Electricity Department, then with Area 3, and finally with the new combined Area 2/3. The whole of his career had been in Costing and Stores work. During this time, Mr. Roberts had seen many changes in procedures culminating in the application of computer techniques.

All who have worked and been associated with Mr. Roberts wish him and his wife many years of happy retirement.

RETIREMENTS

On his last day at Lister Drive, Mr. Birrell, *centre*, receives a farewell handshake from Mr. Bulmer.



Mr. J. BIRRELL

Just about 47 years ago, a young boy named James Birrell started out on his apprenticeship as an electrician with the Liverpool Corporation Electricity Supply Department. He served a good apprenticeship and received all-round experience in general contracting and on power station and substation work.

In 1925, while still comparatively young, Mr. Birrell became a foreman in charge of a newly created section dealing with cooker and water-heater installations and repairs. In this capacity, he was in charge of all the domestic appliance repairs for the whole of the Liverpool area.

When MANWEB took over, Mr. Birrell carried on with his job and in 1952 he was appointed as the assistant contracting engineer in the Liverpool South District, the position he held when he retired from the industry a few weeks ago.

To mark the occasion, Mr. Birrell was presented with a pair of fireside chairs and a number of other articles of his own selection, subscribed for by his friends and colleagues as a token of their esteem. At the presentation, Mr. G. J. Bulmer (District Commercial Engineer) thanked Mr. Birrell for his long and loyal service and wished him many years of happy and healthy retirement.

Mr. H. GREAVES

A much travelled man, Mr. H. Greaves, 3rd assistant Commercial Engineer at our Area 4 Office, finally settled down to retirement after a career in the electricity supply industry stretching over 50 years.

Starting his apprenticeship as an electrician in Huddersfield in 1916, Mr. Greaves moved South eleven years later and joined the Hasting Corporation Electricity Department. Then he worked for the Weald Electric Supply Company and in South East Kent, before journeying North again to become District Sales Engineer with the North Wales Power Company.

During the war period, Mr. Greaves worked as Chief Electrical Engineer with the Rolls Royce Company at Crewe, following this with a short spell with Eda. In 1947, he branched out a little when he became an assistant teacher at the Enfield Technical College, but he was soon back in industry again as Electrical Engineer for the Aylesford Paper Mills.

Finally, in 1949, he returned to North Wales to join MANWEB's Area 4 staff at Rhostyllen.

Before leaving the office for the last time, Mr. Greaves was presented with a food mixer on behalf of his friends and colleagues by Mr. K. Helliwell (Manager, Area 4).

Friends gather round as Mr. Helliwell, *right*, presents Mr. Greaves with a parting gift.



RETIREMENTS—continued

Mrs. M. PRITCHARD

A well-known personality at the Board's Wallasey Service Centre, Mrs. Margaret Pritchard, retired a few weeks ago after serving the electricity supply industry for nearly 25 years. Many of her friends and colleagues



Mr. White making a presentation to Mrs. Pritchard.

gathered to wish her a long and happy retirement and to see Mr. G. A. White (District Commercial Engineer, North Wirral) present her, on their behalf, with a silver bracelet and a silver teapot.

Mr. A. PENNINGTON

After 37 years' service in the electricity supply industry, Mr. A. Pennington, a clerk in the meter test department at St. Helens, retired a short time ago.

At a farewell ceremony attended by members of the District staff, many tributes to his long and loyal service were paid. Then Mr. H. C. Barr (District Engineer) presented Mr. Pennington with a cheque with which to buy equipment and materials for his favourite hobby . . . painting, a pastime which has won him many prizes in the Electricity Industry's Arts and Crafts Exhibitions.

We join with our colleagues in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Pennington many happy years of retirement, and many long hours at the easel.

With glasses raised, colleagues of Mr. Pennington, centre front, wish him a happy future.



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Mr. R. Vernon (Hoyle Training Centre)

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Mr. A. Cassie (Hatton Garden)
Mr. N. B. Kenyon (Hatton Garden)
Mrs. M. Cowle (Derby House)
Mr. D. Patrick (Marsh Lane)
Mr. J. J. Rotherham (Lister Drive)
Mr. M. Brown (Southport)

AREA 2/3

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Mrs. E. Burke (Sealand Road)
Mr. H. Hughes (Sealand Road)
Mr. A. Wadcock (Sealand Road)
Mr. G. E. H. Wheeler (Carlton St.)
Miss M. Worthington (Bridge St.)
Mr. M. J. Caird (Warrington)
Mr. G. W. Wells (Runcorn)
Mr. H. H. Turner (Widnes)
Mr. C. P. Booth (Northwich)
Mr. L. Sewell (New Crane St.)
Mr. K. Jones (Wallasey)
Mr. F. Gordon (Birkenhead)

AREA 4

Mr. J. L. Thomas (Rhostyllen)
Mr. H. T. McBride (Crewe)
Mr. J. R. Jenkins (Nantwich)
Mr. A. T. Knott (Nantwich)
Miss G. Baxendale (Sandbach)
Mr. J. W. Forrester (Shotton)
Mr. W. Ll. Williams (Newtown)
Mr. W. D. Morris (Welshpool)
Mr. A. L. Barker (Whitchurch)
Mr. D. Young (Prestatyn)
Mr. I. W. Griffiths (Mold)
Mr. L. Hughes (Llandudno)
Mr. H. Jones (Colwyn Bay)
Mr. L. Williams (Caernarvon)
Mrs. E. F. Davies (Bangor)
Mr. E. Jones (Wrexham)
Mr. E. Jones (Bethesda)
Miss D. Edwards (Bl. Ffestiniog)
Mr. J. B. Williams (Pwllheli)
Mr. L. C. Jones (Llangefni)
Mr. W. H. Williams (Menai Bridge)
Mr. D. G. Thomas (Aberystwyth)
Mr. D. Hughes (Barmouth)
Mr. E. A. Wharton (Dolgellau)

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A gradely lad off to Yorkshire! Mr. Robinson, centre right, receives a parting handshake from Mr. Wallwork in the presence of his colleagues at Hatton Garden.

THE LAST OF THE FAMILY ROBINSON

A break in a strong family link with the electricity supply industry in Liverpool occurred when Mr. J. K. (Jim) Robinson (4th assistant Commercial engineer) at Hatton Garden, left us a few weeks ago to take up an appointment with the Yorkshire Electricity Board.

His father put in a lifetime of service with the Liverpool Corporation Electricity Supply Department, and his elder brother also served for many years with the department. Jim himself, started as an apprentice electrician just before the last war. He joined the Forces and in 1947 he returned to work in the contracting department at Smithdown Road. Later he worked for periods in the Meter Records Department, the Lister Drive Workshops and at Clarence Dock power station. Prior to his appointment at Area Office, he worked in the Liverpool North District.

A man of many parts, Jim was a member of the Childwall and District Operatic Society. A very keen sportsman, he was still playing a good game of football at 40 years of age, and he is still a competent and active cricketer, having played many times for the Supply Industry first team. He was also chairman of the tennis section.

Many of his friends gathered together to say their farewells, as on their behalf, Mr. W. Wallwork (Commercial Officer, Area 1) presented

Jim with a number of gifts in appreciation of his friendship and his service with the Board. Mr. Wallwork said that Jim was very game and very persistent, and reminded us that it was against all odds that Jim had obtained his Higher National Certificate. It was achieved only by his dogged determination to succeed and by his continued studies at evening classes over a number of years.

In reply, Jim thanked everyone for their kind words and wonderful gifts. He said that through the columns of *Contact* he would like to express his sincere thanks to all who had helped him while in Liverpool.

DEPARTURES FROM WARRINGTON

Two members of the Warrington District staff were presented with parting gifts a few weeks ago when they left the service of the Board. First was Mrs. Valerie Ann Neil, a shorthand typist, and then came Mr. Eric Wilding a draughtsman, who once worked in the Northwich District. Eric is now working with the Runcorn Redevelopment Council.



Colleagues from the Costs Department at Rhostyllen gather round as Mr. Keith Griffiths, third from left, receives gifts and says goodbye to Mr. T. P. Shell (Assistant Accountant) before taking up his new duties as District Senior Clerk at Aberystwyth.



THE National Savings Movement celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 1966 and is making this Jubilee Year the occasion for an extra special savings appeal to the nation at large.

The Electricity Supply Industry's record in savings, has been for a considerable time, one of the best in the country, due largely to the facilities afforded by the Industry itself by way of Savings Groups and the voluntary assistance to run them.

Sir Miles Thomas, President and Chairman of the Movement has written to the Chairman of the Electricity Council expressing the hope that the Industry will not only continue its excellent work in this field, but see fit to expound its facilities during this Jubilee Year. Sir Miles also asks that his appreciation be conveyed to all those in the Industry who help so much, especially to the officers of the Savings Groups.

MANWEB has always been a keen supporter of the National Savings Group System and every employee has, within easy reach, the facility for saving without any effort, by a contribution from salary.

Savings Groups are in existence at Head Office and all Area Offices which cater for the following methods of National Savings:—

Trustee Savings Banks

Regular monthly or weekly contributions from salary to be credited to the employee's bank account. The contribution can be varied from time to time by written authority to the pay office.

National Savings Certificates or Premium Savings Bonds

Purchases are made in advance by the Board for the member's requirements. Contributions at

a fixed weekly or monthly amount are made from salary spread over a cycle of three or four months. Variations can be effected by notice to the Group Secretary at the end of each cycle.

A mistaken impression exists in the minds of many people that this type of saving is only useful for long-term saving, but this is quite wrong because it is equally useful to accumulate the required amount for annual holidays, or payments such as rates and insurances, or for replacement of a car or household equipment. Whilst the money is accumulating in this way it is useful to the National Economy it is earning interest for the saver and it can be withdrawn at very short notice.

A few weeks ago the Government introduced the 12th Issue of National Savings Certificates. A new certificate issue in which a unit of £1 becomes £1.5.0., after a period of five years. This is an average rate of interest of 4.11.3.% free of income tax.

Recently an additional prize of £25,000 was added to the Premium Savings Bond draw every three months.

If you are already a member of one of the Board's Savings Group Schemes, utilise it to the full by increasing your monthly contribution to cover your various overhead expenses.

If you are not a member of one of the Savings Group Schemes make it your business immediately to contact the Group Secretary or Treasurer in your Area.

SAVE NOW



SPEND MORE LATER

WEDDINGS

WILLIAMS—JONES

Best wishes for the future to Miss Jennifer Ann Jones, a clerk in the Revenue section at Rhostyllen and Mr. W. A.



Mr. and Mrs. Williams

Williams, a Gas Board employee at Maelor, who were married recently at Wrexham Parish Church.

THOMPSON—ATKIN

Miss Janet Mary Atkin, a computer operator at Area 2/3 Office, was married recently to Mr. Keith Thompson, who is



Mr. and Mrs. Thompson

employed by Runcorn U.D.C. The ceremony took place at the Church of the Holy Ascension, Upton-by-Chester.

Friends and colleagues from Sealand Road made a presentation to the bride.

WILLIAMS—WILLIAMS

Among the presents received by Mr. Glanfor Williams on the occasion of his recent marriage to Miss Jean Williams was a cheque from his friends and colleagues at MANWEB.

Mr. Williams, who is an assistant section engineer at Blaneau Ffestiniog, and his



Mr. and Mrs. Williams

bride who comes from Tremadoc, were married at Peniel Chapel, Tremadoc.

VALENTINE—JONES

Congratulations now to two MANWEB employees, Miss Alwena Jones and Mr. Raymond Valentine, who were married a



Mr. and Mrs. Valentine

few weeks ago at Seion Welsh Presbyterian Chapel, Llanrwst. Mr. Valentine (section engineer, Llanrwst) and his wife (who has now retired from her post of senior Service Centre assistant at Llanrwst), received a wedding gift from their many friends and colleagues in Conway Valley District.

HAGEDORN—O'BRIEN

Miss Sheila Frances O'Brien, a secretary at Head Office, was married at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wallasey, on June 6th, to Mr. Peter A.

Hagedorn. Wedding gifts from her friends at MANWEB were presented by Mr. J. Fisher (Assistant Chief Engineer).

Good wishes for the future to Miss O'Brien, from Mr. Fisher and friends in the Head Office engineering department.

