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HELLO GIRLS
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Big Promotion Campaign for Air-Conditioning

FOLLOWING the success of a limited promotional campaign on packaged air conditioning last year, The Electricity Council and Electricity Boards have launched a more intensive drive to sell the benefits of air conditioning to shops, offices, restaurants and similar commercial premises. The campaign will continue until August with advertising in national dailies and in the trade and technical press as well as direct mail shots to particular sectors of the commercial market.

The basic strategy of the campaign is to sell the idea of air conditioning to the entire market and to suggest to the identified market sectors the desirability of installing packaged systems. Sales will be stimulated by the advertising campaign and direct mail shots and followed up by personal visits by Electricity Board Sales Engineers.

Three promotional brochures have been produced in support of the campaign. All three explain the need for air conditioning and its benefits; respectively they are aimed at shops, offices and surgeries.

Success of the campaign depends upon full co-operation

between Electricity Boards, air conditioning equipment manufacturers and their approved installers. Electricity Boards will canvass customers and firm enquiries will be passed to approved installers who will then prepare schemes and quotations. These will then be followed up jointly by Boards and installers.

The market has been divided into sectors covering jewellers and chemists; dentists, medical practitioners and opticians; florists; restaurants, cafes, pubs and clubs; professional offices; prestige shops and hairdressers. Each of these sectors will have advertisements aimed directly at them and the associated reply coupons will be addressed to the newly established Air Conditioning Advisory

Electricity Service to Industry

Ways in which money is saved by manufacturers who consult their Electricity Boards on technical problems are featured in a new brochure published by The Electricity Council.

"These men aim to make higher profits for you" describes the work of Electricity Board industrial sales engineers—whose professional services are available in helping industry to benefit from the wider use of electrical energy from the application of current techniques and readily available plant.

By looking at production pro-

cesses the industrial sales engineer can often show where electricity could be put to more efficient, more economic use. He can also advise on load and power factor control to ensure that the maximum advantage is gained from industrial tariffs. When necessary, he can call upon specialist engineers within the Electricity Boards and the Electricity Council and the Council's research and development facilities.

The brochure is available from The Electricity Council, Marketing Department, Trafalgar Buildings, 1 Charing Cross, London, S.W.1 and Electricity Boards.

Bureau at 2 Charing Cross, (Northumberland Ave.), London, S.W.1.

Nearly 300,000 establishments will be receiving direct mail shots pointing out the advantages and the benefits of air conditioning to their particular line of business. If every one of these potential customers installed a package system it would provide the electricity supply industry with an additional new load of about 1,000 MW.

MANWEB Staff are a cool lot

While millions of workers in offices and factories were sweating and sweltering during the recent heatwave, some of the coolest people were the MANWEB staff in the new Head Office at Chester.

Since the building was first occupied just before Christmas, the outside temperature has varied between 27° Fahrenheit (*five degrees of frost*) on February 5th, to 84° F. in the shade at noon on June 9th.

Throughout this wide 57 degree range, the building's heating and air-conditioning system has maintained a comfortable inside temperature of 70—75 degrees.

In the offices, light clothes and shirt sleeves are the customary garb regardless of the time of year, and in the heatwave conditions, many of the office workers were glad to get to work in order to cool off!

Lightweight 'see through' reflective curtains eliminate glare from the sun, and help to keep the office temperatures down.



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Getting The Message

HISTORIANS differ over the name of the man who ran from Marathon to Athens nearly 2,500 years ago to carry the news of the defeat of the invading Persian army, but most of them agree that after announcing the welcome news he dropped dead on the spot!

Whoever he was, his epic run went down into history, and the name of Marathon became a synonym for a drawn-out test of endurance.

The fate of Greek civilisation hung on the news he carried, so we assume that to the Greek commander, a runner represented the fastest way of carrying the message.

For many centuries we did not improve much on the ancient Greek method. Pony-expresses and carrier pigeons stepped up the speed of communication a little, but it was not until quite recently that man made the first big communications break-through by perfecting the art of sending impulses along wires.

The development of radio has, of course, brought the art of fast communication to absolute perfection, but in the overwhelming majority of cases, fast personal contact still relies on the metal wire.

A combination of party line and a garrulous neighbour may sometimes make us think that perhaps the Greeks knew what they were doing, but the fact remains that without the telephone, modern social and commercial life would be thrown into chaos.

In nearly any office today—excluding, perhaps, those dealing with accounts—telephone messages vastly outnumber written communications. Not many people today wish to waste time and effort by writing a letter when picking up the 'phone will serve the same purpose in a fraction of the time.

Any upheaval produces communications problems, and this rule applies, in its own way, to the re-organisation through which MANWEB is still going.

These problems are being continuously studied, and the article on pages 136/137 of this number of *Contact* describes how our internal and external communications system is being improved and expanded as re-organisation proceeds.

When this process is complete, telecommunication problems in MANWEB will be virtually non-existent.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

WHEN THE MANWEB re-organisation is complete, it will be possible to pick up any "internal" telephone and dial direct to any other internal phone throughout the Board's organisation.

The basis of this internal communications system will consist of several thousand miles of underground telephone cable, most of which was already in existence before re-organisation began, having been laid alongside our 33,000-volt underground cables.

Through this system our ten District offices will be linked with Head Office at Chester via a private MANWEB automatic exchange, located at Sealand Road. Other points of special importance, such as our Queensferry stores and prominent shops like that at St. John's Precinct, Liverpool, are also included in this automatic system.

A private teleprinter system will also link the same points, and this will be used for data transmission associated with the computer.

Complementary to this internal telephone network, Head Office and the District Offices will all have manual telephone switchboards connected to the Post Office system, through which MANWEB will keep in touch with the "outside world."

All this development will take place over a number of years, but the foresight shown in laying telephone cables at the same time as 33 kV cables has ensured

that most of the thousands of miles of telephone cable required is already in place. Some of these cables are used to provide control and supervision of the high voltage system, but the remainder are available for communications.

The first steps in installing the new equipment necessary to complete our communications system have taken place within the last two years.

A 1,000-line automatic exchange has been installed at Head Office. Between Head Office and Lister Drive 24 speech circuits have been provided, together with 12 speech circuits between Head Office and North Wirral District office.

Through the Mersey Tunnel, a telephone cable has been laid to link the MANWEB system North and South of the river, and automatic exchanges have been installed at Crewe District office, Queensferry Stores, and St. John's Precinct, Liverpool.

Each District office will, in addition, have radio contact with engineering and commercial personnel in MANWEB vehicles, thus ensuring rapid and efficient service to our customers.

For many years telecommunications have played a vital part in providing service to MANWEB's customers, and the programme now being carried out to extend and improve our telecommunications system will further improve this service.

Brian Neild (*2nd assistant engineer—Technical*) is shown here making tests on a telephone channel to Liverpool



Mike Ellis (*foreman, Telecommunications*) adjusts one of the crossbar switches in the automatic exchange



Relief telephonist Miss Pat Thelwell, operating the internal telephone switchboard. This board operates as an enquiry desk for telephone directory and other services. On the left of the picture is the public address system and the staff locator system Pat has been with MANWEB for just over two years after working for a short time with a motor auction firm in Queensferry. Although primarily based with the mailing section, Pat also takes over as relief telephonist and on occasions is the relief receptionist. She likes swimming and dancing and her busy fingers are often engaged in knitting. She has a boy friend!

On the left we have a picture showing chargehand Stan Hughes, right, with apprentice Anthony Timmins constructing interceptor telephone sets for use by the Chief Officers. The far picture is of apprentice Philip Mills working on the repair of a telephone instrument.



OUR COVER GIRLS IN OUR COVER PICTURE

Miss Irene Matthewson once spent three years as a telephonist with the P. & O. Lines and sailed to faraway places in Australia and the U.S.A. She also enjoyed the occasional cruise in the Mediterranean. Before joining the S.S. MANWEB, she worked at County Hall, Chester.

Miss Frances Cheatham, an attractive young lady who is still fancy free! Frances has been with the Board for the past five months after working at Chester Zoo (*no cracks!*) and the R.A.F. at Sealand. At one time she served as a WAAF in the R.A.F. One of her favourite pastimes is dancing.

Mrs. Christine Taylor—very quiet and reserved, and a woman of few words. Christine has been married for just a year. Her first job was with a travel agent in Chester, later she went to the G.P.O. and trained as a telephonist. She joined MANWEB eight months ago. Her outside interests include her husband, dancing and swimming.

Mrs. Norma Anglesea, on leaving school went to the G.P.O. for training as a telephonist before going to work for John Summers at Shotton. When she married, Norma joined her husband in the hotel business at Mold and later at Connah's Quay. About twelve months ago she returned to the

switchboard when she came to work for MANWEB. All her spare time is fully taken up with her three young sons.

Miss Susan Ambler, has been with the Board for the past six years. Before this, she spent a short time with a Chester photographic firm. Susan is engaged to an electrician—no, not a man from MANWEB—but a young man who worked on the electrical installation of our new Head Office block. The 'day' she is waiting for is August 22nd, and the only thing on her mind at the moment is the acquisition of a washing machine!

Mrs. Irene Spenser, the telecommunications supervisor, has been with us for the past two years. Previously she worked for the Liverpool Echo following a period of seven years with the G.P.O. Irene likes dressmaking, dancing, and eating Chinese food (*when the opportunity comes along*). At the moment her husband (*brave man*) has taken on the task of teaching Irene to drive!

The girls handle almost 2,000 calls each week and have nearly 500 extensions and 50 exchange lines to look after. In one voice they say that the thing which annoys them most is the person who books a call and then disappears.



Mr. D. G. Dodds (*Chairman*) and Mr. J. W. Trimble (*Manager Area 2/3*) with the men who received their 35-Year Long Service Awards

1,400 YEARS' SERVICE

Nearly 1,400 years of service to the electricity supply industry were represented by Long Service Awards presented to Area 2/3 and Head Office employees by the Chairman (Mr. D. G. Dodds) at Head Office recently.

Awards were presented as follows :

HEAD OFFICE :

45 Years : Mr. F. Morgan (*Asst. Chief Engineer—Civil*) now retired.

35 Years : Messrs B. R. Campbell-Kelly (*Asst. Chief Commercial Officer*), G. Gidman (*overhead line instructor*)—now retired, W. G. Lever (*executive officer, Policy Administration*), G. E. Lowe (*sales controller*)—now retired, L. J. Scudamore (*Management Services Officer*), N. W. Tushingham (*work study assistant*) and H. Waring (*principal assistant, Computer Ops.*)

25 Years : Messrs. H. Hague (*2nd assistant engineer, Construction*), W. S. Hughes (*chargehand fitter*) and E. G. Robinson (*work study assistant*).

AREA 2/3.

45 Years : Messrs. W. H. Berry (*installation inspector, North Wirral*), R. E. Parkinson (*clerk, North Wirral*) and W. Yates (*electrician, St. Helens*).

35 Years : Messrs. A. Anderson (*Welfare Officer, Area Office*), R. S. Booth (*clerk, Area Office*),

J. Bradley (*senior assistant, Records, North Wirral*), S. C. Broadhurst (*3rd assistant engineer, Technical, Area Office*), W. H. Davies (*section engineer, St. Helens*), W. Evans (*acting 1st assistant District Engineer, Runcorn*), W. K. Hewitt (*1st assistant District Commercial Engineer, Warrington*), W. Horridge (*meter fixer, St. Helens*), A. James (*mains foreman, Runcorn*), H. R. Jonson (*District Commercial Engineer, St. Helens*), J. W. Jump (*3rd assistant engineer, Technical, North Wirral*), F. E. Kingham (*mains foreman, Northwich*), W. J. S. Leyland (*assistant commercial engineer, St. Helens*), S. Marsden (*overhead linesman, Northwich*), E. Pound (*electrician, Chester*), J. A. Sutton (*contracting engineer, Chester*), and G. Whitlow (*chargehand installation inspector, Runcorn*).

25 Years : Messrs. B. Barton (*engineering draughtsman, Area Office*), A. T. Facey (*chargehand linesman, Northwich*), A. E. Halsall (*clerical assistant, Warrington*), A. A. Heathwood (*meter mechanic, Warrington*), A. Horrabin (*chargehand meter reader/collector, Warrington*), G. A. Johnson (*fitter's mate, Northwich*), F. Jones (*public lighting attendant, Northwich*), G. E. Lancaster (*section engineer, North Wirral*), A. Roberts (*electrician, Warrington*), J. Shallcross (*engineering draughtsman, Area Office*) and H. Smith (*public lighting attendant, Warrington*).

Recipients of 45-Year and 25-Year Long Service Awards pictured with the Chairman, centre, and Mr. Trimble, sixth from left



AWARDS for APPRENTICES

Three of our craft apprentices who spent their first few months with the Board at the Hoylake Training Centre during the academic year 1968/69, received awards of merit for their performance in the City and Guilds examinations.



Frank Holmes, star apprentice at Hoylake last year, pictured at work in the contracting stores in the Marsh Lane depot of our North Mersey District

From North Mersey District, apprentice electrician **Frank Holmes** (18) received his award for the work done in his first year Electrical Installation Course. Frank has been in the news before when last July he was featured on the cover of 'Contact' as he was presented with the prize he won at Hoylake for the best All-Round Performance during his initial training period.

After leaving Hoylake, Frank went to work in his home District, his first big job being on some installation work at Walton Hospital. Later he spent a period in the workshops at Lister Drive before returning to Marsh Lane for a spell in the meter inspection department.

Earlier this year, he went back to Hoylake to take part in the International Apprentice Competition.

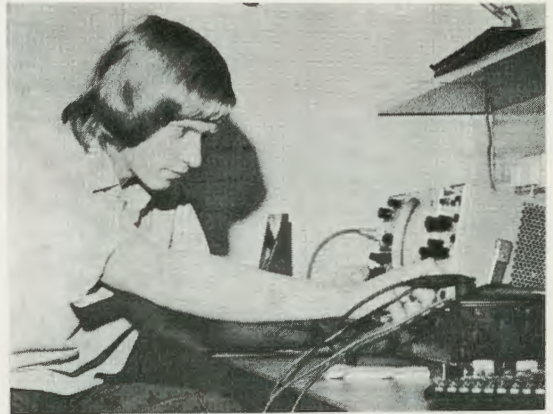
When we called in at Marsh Lane to see Frank, we found him, still under training, working in the contracting stores. He told us that in his spare time he enjoys swimming and tinkering about with motor bikes. As for girls—he is still shopping!

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Another eighteen-year-old who received an award of merit in his first year Electrical Installation Course is **Michael Wright** of St. Helens in our new South Lancashire District.

Since leaving Hoylake, Michael has been kept very busy helping out on a variety of contracting jobs in and around St. Helens. He has also spent a little time with the meter inspectors.

A neat clean-cut intelligent young man, he is very



Anthony Timmins concentrates on his job in the telecommunications section

appreciative of the help he is receiving from the tradesmen he works with.

He is keenly interested in photography, we hope he likes his picture, and has the ambition to 'get on.' He told us that he was very pleased with the results of his examinations and would continue to take his opportunities as they arose.

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Finally, we have apprentice electrical fitter **Anthony W. Timmins**, aged 18, of Chester. He gained his award for his fine work on the first year Electrical Technicians Course. Tony is now working in the telecommunications section at Head Office.

He still studies very hard and is very ambitious as far as his job is concerned. In his leisure time he enjoys a sport of fishing round the North Wales coast.

Michael Wright setting out on another contracting job



Prize Crossword Competition

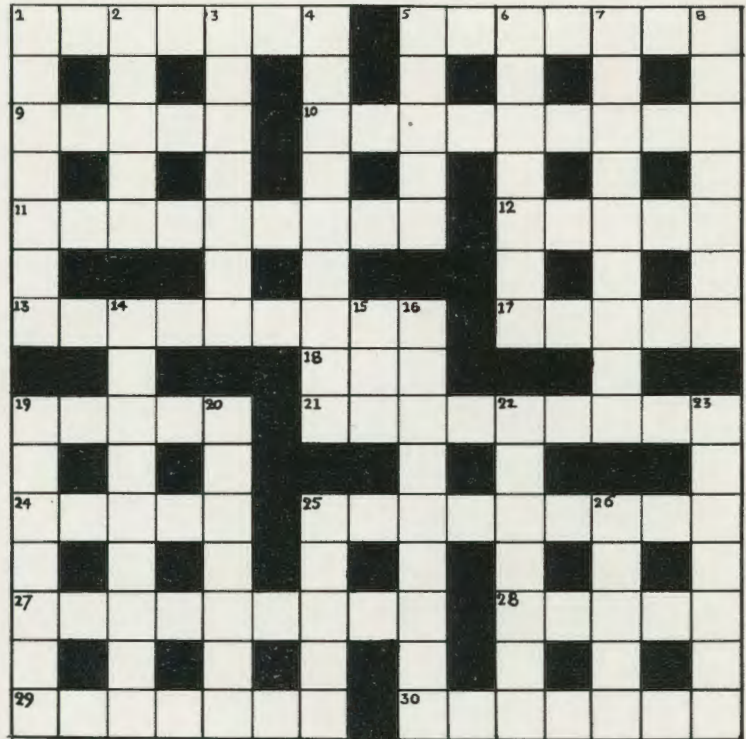
Here we go again, giving money away!

We offer prizes of a guinea each to the senders of the first three all-correct solutions to our crossword puzzle to be opened on **July 13th, 1970**. Send your entries, on plain paper if you wish, to *The Editor, 'Contact', MANWEB, Head Office, Sealand Road, Chester, CH1 4LR*. Don't forget to add your own name and address (office or depot).

The competition is restricted to MANWEB employees, pensioners and their families.

CLUES

Across: **1** Where burns the light of battle? (7) **5** Knight is a boy at heart (7) **9** Osborne looked back in it (5) **10** Could be mathematical or muscular, for example (9) **11** A podgy hen becomes cannibalistic (9) **12** "..... Jacques, Jacques, Dor mez-vous" (5) **13** In good (naval) order (9) **17** Astor changed for dinner (5) **18** Know this is what Keats' new planet swims into (3) **19** Joshua's associate spy (5) **21** Try an overdue arrangement (9) **24** Musketeer (5) **25** Swear on it (9) **27** Heavyweights add nothing to a confused liar like Figaro, for example (9) **28** Jules never turned novelist (5) **29** Revolt-



ing —especially early morning ones! (7) **30** No red roses for him (7)

Down: **1** They aver to sew up the ends (7) **2** Dylan Thomas did against the dying of the day (5) **3** Breaks-in by use of the stirrup (7) **4** Stay up to retain a line made by a ship (4,5) **5** None of this to lure the Moving Finger back (5) **6** With some luck stir fire for the devil (7) **7** Chaotic road speed of an ugly customer (9) **8** Ten cans arranged to begin

the beginning (7) **14** 6 finds something for them to do (4,5) **15** Writer's confine (3) **16** When to draw stumps from a leafy pond (3,2,4) **19** Britannia's mandate to rule the waves (7) **20** Musical instrument played by graduates, and so on (7) **22** Also on the other side—both in Hampshire (7) **23** Touchstone made an honourable one though not with bag and baggage (7) **25** Sign of the zodiac (5) **26** Composer with special drive (5)

ELECTRIC CENTRAL HEATING

More electric central heating was installed in the first quarter of 1970 than any other system. AGB Home Audit's survey of the January/March period, shows that 38% of all central heating acquisitions were electric.

Electric storage radiators were easily the best selling individual system with 29% of all installations—about twice as many as the next popular system,

Bob Phillips, Marketing Adviser to The Electricity Council, commenting on the figures said:

"The introduction last year of High Capacity storage radiators has undoubtedly helped electric central heating to take the lead. These radiators build up all their heat during the night and thus take maximum advantage of the lowest of the Electricity Boards' money-saving tariffs."

Please don't forget the

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Photographic

Competition

FANCY DRESS BALL AT HEAD OFFICE

This delightful daffodil fancy dress took first prize in the ladies section for Mrs. Sylvia Gee who works in the wages department



Above: The crew from Crewe District arrived at the Ball in force

Comment:
Food Good
Bars Good
Band Good
Good Show !



Left: A cry of triumph from the winner of the best Fancy Dress—male section. Could you recognise Mr. R. H. Woodhall (Systems Engineer—Mid-Cheshire District)?

Right: Two of the 'best dressed' at the Ball, but unable to enter for the competition because they helped to organise it, on the left is Miss June Allen (Financial) with Mr. Gren Roberts (Welfare)



Costumes from the East and styles from the West in this Fancy Dress line-up





THREE IN A ROW

MAINTEINING the tremendous reputation of our Liverpool shop staff in the Electricity Council's national Public Speaking competition, **Mrs. Lillian Hughes**, a saleswoman at our new St. John's Precinct shop, took first place in this year's National Finals, held in London last month.

In 1968 **Ann Semple** (who later became our first 'Girl from MANWEB') made the big breakthrough by taking first place in this competition, and last year **Wendy Baker** came second.

was to a Licensed Victuallers meeting. Miss Marjorie Leaf, an examiner for the English Speaking Board, who was one of the judges, said "Mrs. Hughes gave a most practical, well rounded speech that completely convinced me."

The competition is open to all



Mrs. Lillian Hughes caught by the camera as she captivates her audience with her highly successful talk in this year's Public Speaking Finals

Ann and Wendy were both working from our former Whitechapel shop at the time, and they are now based at St. John's Precinct.

Lillian, the mother of three children aged 8, 10 and 12 talked her way through to the national finals by winning the MANWEB Area Public Speaking competition.

Her address "At Home in a Pub"

employees of the electricity supply industry under the age of 35.

Two firsts and a second from the same group of workmates in three successive years is a tremendous record, of which we are sure everyone at our Liverpool shop must be intensely proud.

It sets a pretty high standard for the future, as we all assume that the

Women's Section Faraday Shield is to be a permanent fixture at St. John's Precinct in the future.

Surely we have a charming and eloquent young demonstrator in the same 'stable' who should be getting in some practice for next year's competition?

Service Recognised

Mr. A. W. Howard, a labourer at the MANWEB stores at Wrexham, was for many years Standard Bearer for the Gresford Branch of the British Legion; his long and loyal work for the Legion has recently been recognised.

On the recommendation of his Branch, Mr. Howard has been awarded Life Membership of the Legion.

The Legion's General Secretary, Mr. D. E. Coffey, writing to Mr. Howard, says:

"The award, I know, is indeed well merited, and I am so very pleased that your valued services have been recognised in this way."

Needlework Artist

Councillor Mrs. Jean Leech, Southport's new Mayor, has had the Mayor's tricorne hats made to her own design, and for the first time in the town's history these Mayoral hats will incorporate the Southport coat of arms.

For this breakthrough, Madame Mayor can thank a retired MANWEB employee, in the person of **Miss Violet Walton**, a Drawing Office assistant who retired from the District office nine years ago.

Miss Walton has a reputation as an artist and needlework expert, and her nimble fingers are responsible for the exquisitely-embroidered replica of the coat of arms which adorns the Mayor's hats.

She has done a lot of art needlework, and an outstanding example of her work—an embroidered and painted Mothers' Union banner—is treasured at St. John's Church, Ainsdale.

Miss Walton's home is at 47 Station Road, Ainsdale.

Invested

Mr. R. Lunt, a retired linesman who lives at Penmaenmawr, has been invested as a Serving Brother of the Order of Knights of St. John of Jerusalem.

Miracle of Surgery

We read with interest that 75-years old **Mr. John Campbell**, who retired from our Runcorn staff ten years ago, and has been practically blind for the past seven years, has now regained his sight.

Mr. Campbell has had 13 operations, and is now able to enjoy a good book again.

"At one time I was almost completely blind. Now, even though I still have to take things easy, I can read again—and its wonderful," said Mr. Campbell.

We are sure that Mr. Campbell's old colleagues will be pleased to hear of this spectacular and heartening success in the never-ending fight to defeat infirmity and illness.

Mr. Campbell was a well-known sportsman in his younger days, and played football for a local team for more than 20 years, while he has also included athletics and boxing among his energetic interests.

Elected

Congratulations to **Mr. John S. Chesworth**, installation inspector at Northwich, who, on his third attempt was elected Councillor for Northwich's Castle Ward at the recent local elections.

Mr. S. Chesworth



The painting by Mr. Colley which by now is well on its way to Canada, being received by Mrs. Hattersley

More Councillors

Wrexham Borough Council now have the benefit and guidance of two men from MANWEB. One, a former cashier at Rhostyllen, **Mr. Gwilym Parry**, is also a member of the Denbighshire County Council and Chairman of the local Community Council.

Later this year, Mr. Parry and his wife will be taking a trip to Brazil to visit his brother. When he returns, next February, we hope to feature a story about his travels.

Our other Councillor at Wrexham is **Mr. John Myers**, a senior assistant in the Area 4 Revenue Section. John is now the official member for the Wat's Dyke ward, nipping in by a majority of only four votes! This was John's first venture into local politics, and we wish him every success in his endeavours.

Sign of the Times

On a dust covered van, some wit had written, "Don't wash me—plant something." Very funny, only it happened to be a MANWEB van!

Exile's Memento

During an exhibition of art on New Brighton Promenade **Mr. Eric Coley**, one of our District foremen who is an active member of Wallasey Arts Society, was approached by a local resident, Mrs. R. Hattersley, with a request to paint a scene of New Brighton for her brother who emigrated to Toronto, Canada with his family, three years ago.

Eric painted a scene showing New Brighton Lighthouse and Perch Rock Battery with the Blue Funnel liner "Priam" arriving home from the Far East.

We congratulate Eric on having his wonderful talent recognised, and wish him further success in the future.

Accent on Youth

A young lady who takes a most active part in Youth Club work is **Miss Angela Holmes** who works in the Revenue Department at Rhostyllen.

Angela will soon be travelling to London as a member of the Welsh team competing in the National Finals of the Youth Quiz Contest.

Angela with some of her awards

(More 'Talking Notes' overleaf)



Abersoch Golf

The new vice-captain of the Abersoch Golf Club is **Mr. J. Bryn Williams**, a clerical assistant on the Board's staff at Pwllheli.

In Verse

While legislation on the new colour coding for electrical wiring has been delayed (see Parliamentary Notes), **Mr. R. Muspratt**, workshop electrician at New Crane Street, Chester, suggests the following 'reminder rhyme'—

*Brown is hot. Blue is not.
Green and yellow—earth the lot.*

Southport Personality

Recently voted as "Personality of the Year" by the manual workers in the Southport District was **Mr. Kenneth Povey** (better known to his workmates as 'Taffy').

Born in Wrexham, "Taffy" joined MANWEB in 1959 and has rendered valuable service on the mains gang ever since.

A keen conversationalist, he is always willing to lend his knowledge to almost any topical subject.

Taffy spends part of his free time playing bingo—a game at which he

admits to having a fair amount of luck. He also spends part of his leisure time at both interior and exterior decorating, on which he claims to be an authority.

His workmates have chosen well, for 'Taffy' is a character whose fame is spreading far beyond the boundaries of the present Southport District.

Selected for Wales

Two of our colleagues employed as laboratory technicians at the Electricity Council Research Centre at Capenhurst, have been selected to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Games to be held in Edinburgh.

They are **Mr. John Beswick** and **Mr. David Russell**, who compete in the cycling events. Both are in the 1,000 metres sprint race and David is in the 1,000 metres time-trial.

Watch out for them!

Rally Winner

A sales representative in North Wirral District, **Mr. Norman Carew**, was recently declared the overall winner of the 1970 Road Safety Car Rally held by the Wallasey Motor Club, organised by the Road



Mr. N. Carew

Safety Officer (Mr. C. E. Proctor).

He was awarded the Wallasey Corporation Cup (held for one year) which was presented to him by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wallasey (Alderman and Mrs. Hutton) together with a voucher for £10.

Norman tells us that he entered the competition because of his great interest in road safety. He has seven years' service with the Board and has been driving for 20 years.

Goodbye

The pleasant voice and cheerful disposition of **Miss Mary Butler**, the very popular telephone operator at our Rhyl Offices will be greatly missed now that she has left the service of the Board. We join with her friends in wishing her good luck in her new job.

Smart Work

Shoplifting, we hear, is on the increase—but it doesn't come off in MANWEB's shop at Bangor.

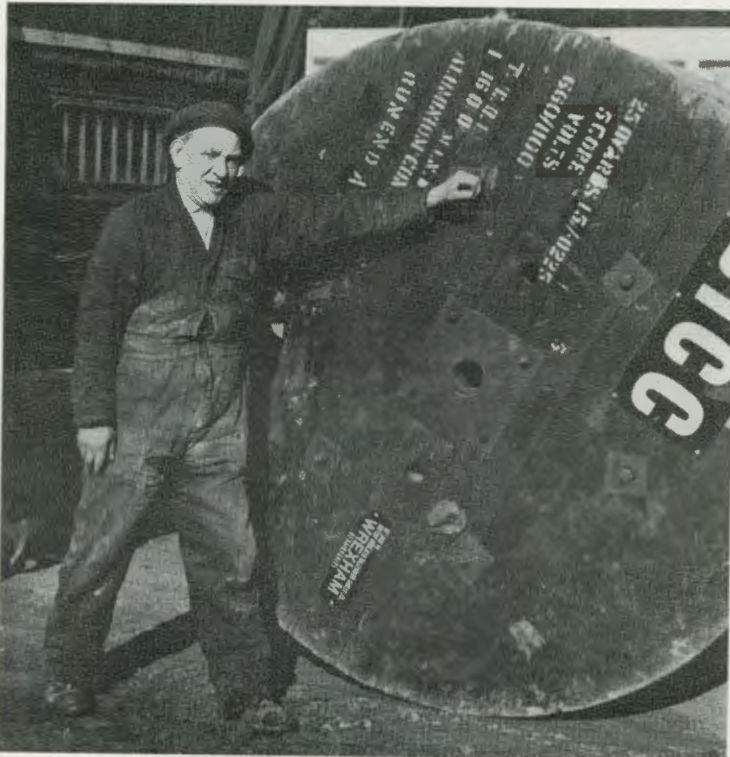
Three suspicious characters tried it out recently, and were smartly apprehended by **Mrs. Margaret Pearson** and **Mr. Emlyn Jones**.

Big Day for Chris. and Pat.

Sunday, June 21st, was Father's Day, it was also World Cup Day, but for Chris. Cooke and Pat. Byrne, both from Lister Drive, it was 'Their Day', for it was then that they announced their engagement.

We offer our congratulations to them and our sincere best wishes for the future.

"Personality of the Year," Taffy Povey, pictured at his work in the Southport District



PICTURE PAGE

'I'M GETTING MARRIED'

Mr. Angus J. Bishop (*4th assistant Commercial engineer*), centre right, is in a happy mood as he receives a wedding present from his colleagues, presented by Mr. R. Stewart (*Assistant C.C.O.—Energy Sales*). Angus is now married to the former Miss Sylvia Wilson from Lincolnshire, where the ceremony took place. The couple spent their honeymoon touring Cornwall



FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Our picture shows Mr. George Davies, former installation inspector at Welshpool and now foreman electrician based at Newtown, together with Mrs. Davies and tenants and friends from the Trewern Estate after George and his wife had received farewell gifts on behalf of the estate residents. After spending many years at Trewern, the Davies' have now moved to Berriew



From Runcorn to Oswestry

The Board's District Engineer at Runcorn for the past 15 years, Mr. Eastall Mills has now moved to our Oswestry District to take up his new appointment as Systems Engineer.

Mr. Mills, a Southampton man, started his career when in 1937 he joined the Callenders Cable and Construction Company working at Stoke-on-Trent and Birmingham.

In 1940, he became Distribution Assistant with the Ealing Corporation Electricity Department.

He moved to Cheltenham six years later as their Deputy Mains Superintendent, and was appointed as the District Engineer before his move to Runcorn in 1955.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mills are well-known in the town of Runcorn, Mr. Mills because of his work with MANWEB, and Mrs. Mills through the various clubs and associations she is connected with.

We wish them both every happiness in their new home in Llyncllys, and to Mr. Mills, success in his new job.

Mr. Mills, fourth from left, with Mrs. Mills, holding bouquet, say 'au revoir' to their friends at Runcorn

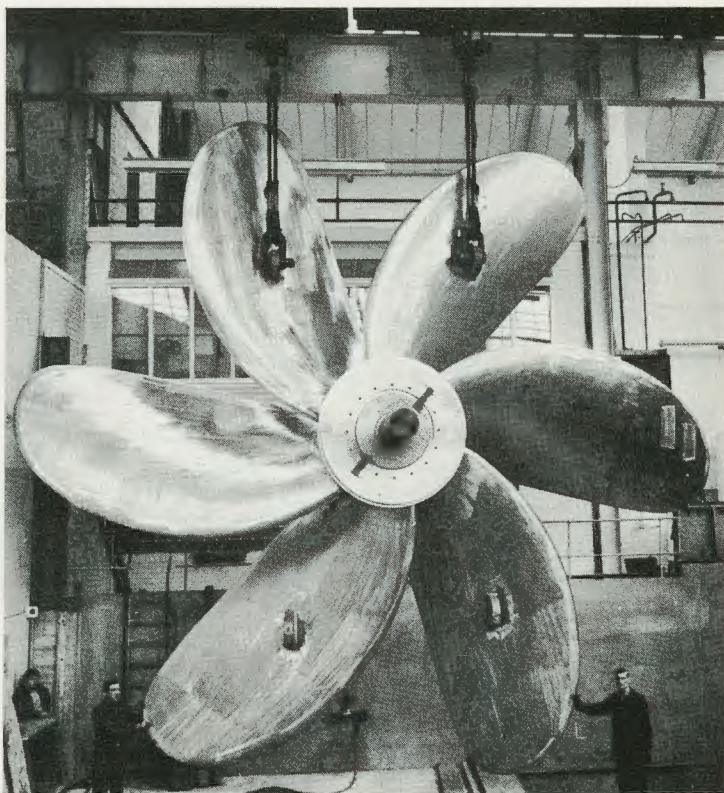


Another First for MANWEB Customer

*Huge
Propeller—
a work of art*

Story by
MR. E. REDMAN

*(Senior Assistant
Commercial Engineer
—Energy Sales / Industrial)*



In the balancing bay, the human figures are dwarfed by the huge propeller made for the supertanker "Esso Northumbria"

THE LARGEST ships' propellers in the world are made on Merseyside at the Birkenhead works of Stone Manganese Marine Limited. But, then, Stone Manganese, winners of the Queen's Award to Industry in 1966 and 1969, are quite used to being ahead of the field. The Birkenhead works occupies a site of 16½ acres and incorporates the largest propeller casting shop in the world. In this shop the propellers for the Queen Elizabeth II were cast, as were the specially designed propellers for Britain's atomic submarines.

Ship's propellers are not just made, they are cast, shaped and fashioned to close tolerances by craftsmen who could claim to be sculptors because, truly, a glistening new ship's propeller is a work of art. The age old skills of the pattern makers, moulders, foundrymen, shapers, etc., are not enough however, in this modern age. Special high definition propellers for Naval craft have the blades profile machined on a special milling machine using a former which acts as a guide for the milling cutter head. The taper bores and keyways are formed on machines designed specifically for this purpose.

Today, with the advent of super tankers propelled by a single screw, the capability of propeller manufacturers is being tested to the extreme. Ships propellers over 50 tons in weight are now commonly being specified, the casting weight of these enormous propellers approaches 90 tons and, as the tankers get bigger, so will the propellers. As one might expect of the world's leading propeller manufacturer, Stone Manganese Marine Limited aim to meet the challenge.

Mr. J. P. Graham, Director and General Manager is convinced that the only sensible way, both from the metallurgical and economic point of view, to melt the copper based alloys used in the casting of these propellers, is in an electric induction furnace.

The Company have operated one 350 kW Efco channel furnace and two 600 kW Birlec coreless furnaces for over six years now. Highly satisfied with the operation of this plant—incidentally the bath of the channel furnace has not been re-lined in three years and the inductors have only just been re-lined after three years of constant operation—the

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Dogs with Winning Ways

IF YOU heard that a man was a renowned sheep-dog fancier, with an impressive list of wins to his credit—and that of his dogs, you might be forgiven for assuming that he was a farmer who spent all his time working with his dogs among his sheep on the hill-sides.

In this particular case you would be wrong, for one of the best known figures at sheep-dog trials throughout the north and mid-Wales is Mr. Garnet Jones, who is a shift electrician with MANWEB at Ruthin.



Mr. Garnet Jones with his canine quartette.

ANOTHER FIRST (continued)

Company are now to proceed with the installation of the largest coreless induction furnace in the world for the melting of non-ferrous metal, another 'first' for Stone Manganese Marine.

This furnace, which will have a capacity of 40 tons, will be used for the production of Nickel-Aluminium Bronze and Manganese-Bronze; the former being an alloy of copper, aluminium, nickel and iron.

The vigorous stirring action of the new furnace, which will be manufactured by Birlec Limited of

Mr. Jones has four dogs—Jed, aged six; Jock, aged five; Jess, aged three and Spot, aged two. At different times Mr. Jones, and one or all of his dogs, have competed at most of the major events throughout Britain.

During the 1969 season Mr. Jones and his team won five first prizes, five seconds, five thirds, four fourths and a seventh, while probably the most noteworthy success was gained by Jock, who from a field of 145 dogs took eighth place at the Welsh National Sheepdog Trials, and earned himself a place in the Welsh International Team for 1970.

In all these competitions, and particularly in the National Trials, Mr. Jones has to fit his ability, and the skill of his dogs, against a wide range of professional shepherds and farmers.

He must depend on the generosity of local farmers for the use of their land, and their sheep, for practice, and this is readily forthcoming to a sheep-dog trialist who has earned such high reputation.

Garnet's taste for this unusual and fascinating pastime obviously springs from the fact that his father—'J. T. Jones of Glynceriog'—was regarded as the outstanding Welsh exponent of sheep-dog handling in his day. Enthusiasts who have followed the sport for years say that, despite Garnet's impressive record of success, he still has some way to go before he equals his father's reputation.

Garnet began sheep-dog handling about 1950, and won his first major prize at Llangollen two years later.

Since that time he has trained about forty dogs at an average of about two a year, and 1969 was his best season to date. A number of dogs which have passed through his hands have been sold to well-known handlers, and some of them have been very successful.

When the shows are over, and the dogs have been cared for, the usual sequel for sheep-dog handlers is a pint at the local, with a bit of a sing-song, and Garnet can play his part in this direction also, being the owner of a very fine tenor voice.

Aldridge, will facilitate the alloying of the various elements in a manner that could not be achieved in a reverberatory furnace. The furnace will be rated at 2,700 kW melting power and will incorporate unique features in zoning control.

Replacing certain existing oil fired furnaces, the new plant will give this progressive company an electric melting capacity of 90 tons plus. Melting with lower melting losses and finer control of metallurgical composition, it will keep Stone Manganese Marine ahead of foreign competitors, which is where they have always been.



Our Computer Services team, from left to right, standing : Mike Edwards, Bob Aspinall, Dave Croston, Terry Bainbridge, Eddie Maxwell and Dave Wilson. Kneeling : John Templeton, Bryan Hobday, John Feeley, Alan Pedersen and Gary Williams

Now for Brazil !

Goals galore at Gresford

Report by KEITH SPENCER (Computer Services)

Computer Services soccer team completed their preparations for Mexico when they entertained a team from Area 4 at the

Gresford Athletic Stadium in what was expected to be a real prestige return encounter.

Due to the intense heat and

The victors from Area 4, from left to right, standing : Tony Peat, David Jones, Harold Richards, Geoff Wilcox, Barry Fowles and Colin Lloyd. Kneeling : Keith Roberts, Malcolm Evans, Ray Morgan, Keith Fardoe and Ray Williams



maybe due to the fact that our friends from Gresford didn't unlock the dressing rooms at the arranged time, the kick-off was put back three-quarters of an hour. It was thought that the later kick off would be an advantage to the Area 4 "veterans".

Before the start both teams had official photographs taken by the 'Contact' cameraman. Fees were not disclosed.

So to the game. Area 4 kicked off and pressed strongly but they were well held by a strong and resolute (*some said dirty*) Computer Services defence. The older members of Area 4 showed off their skills to good advantage and Ray Williams stuck to the touch-line so closely some thought he was the linesman! After half an hour of cut and thrust Area 4 went ahead with a good goal by Colin Lloyd which was shortly followed by one from Ray Williams, whilst the Computer lads stood appealing for offside.

This was how the score stood at half time when the players had the customary break for a quick "drag" out of sight of their trainers.

The second half saw Computer Services making a determined efforts to get on terms but it was not to be for that wily old campaigner Ray Williams wandered into the middle again and there was number three.

With five minutes to go Bob Aspinall broke from the back and crashed in a tremendous left foot shot which hit the bar before going in to make it 3-1. Area 4 appealed that the linesman had flagged for offside but the unbiased section of the crowd from Chester thought it was just his way of celebrating the best goal of the game so far.

This was the sight of a mighty finale with Ray Morgan going straight downfield to score for Area 4 which brought loud cheers from the trainers' bench. Gary Williams pulled one back again

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QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE

By the time you read this feature, a new Parliament will have been chosen and some of the people recorded in our "Who's Who" panel may now be wondering "What's What."

However, here are just a couple of questions which were answered during the final sessions of the last Parliament.

Power Stations (Fuelling)

Mr. Palmer asked the Minister of Technology what directions he has given to the Central Electricity Generating Board in the choice of fuels for power stations.

Mr. Harold Lever : None, Sir. The C.E.G.B. makes its own proposals, but in deciding whether to give consent the Government

RETURN MATCH

(continued)

for Computer Services, but Ray Williams and Ray Morgan set the seal on the game to make the final score 6—2 in favour of Area 4.

So as the players limped off the field with boots in their hands and exchanged handshakes it was written into the record books that Computer Services had retained their remarkable record of winning only one match in three seasons! However, the main thing is that they enjoyed the game.

After a quick wash and brush up, victors and vanquished alike retired to a local hostelry to enjoy a meal laid on by the Head Office Sports and Social Club which was well washed down by a couple of jars.

take account of wider considerations.

Mr. Palmer : Surely my right hon. Friend would not deny that he gives considerable guidance to the Central Electricity Generating Board in this matter. In these circumstances, will he make available in the Library a list of the considerations which he takes into account in making his decisions?

Mr. Lever : I will readily put in the Library, if it is of assistance to my hon. Friend and other hon. Members, details of the policy basis for making decisions. A rather more comprehensive document would be required to include all the principles that guide Ministers in giving guidance.

Mr. Lubbock : Would not the right hon. Gentleman agree that where he has refused consent to the C.E.G.B. to convert from solid fuel firing to oil or natural gas, additional costs are imposed on electricity consumers? Bearing this in mind, does not the right hon. Gentleman think that the Coal Industry Act, 1967, and its successor, which is now in course of consideration, should be extended to enable him to pay compensation to the C.E.G.B. where these additional costs are incurred?

Mr. Lever : We have powers for compensating and the hon. Member will, no doubt, now see that in appropriate cases we have power and that the policy on this matter is set out in Cmnd. 3437, which goes into some detail on it.

Mr. Eadie : Is my right hon. Friend aware that we often listen to the problems of the C.E.G.B. as against coal in the matter of cost such as has been mentioned from the benches opposite? Is he aware that many miners believe that this defamation of the coal industry seems to be an attempt to cover up some of the financial problems of the C.E.G.B.?

Mr. Lever : We should not see these questions as arising from a desire to defame the coal in-

dustry. The Government are bound to take into account wider considerations than the mere immediate cost of a particular station in the interests not merely of the coal industry but of the electricity industry.

Electrical Appliances (Colour Code)

Mr. Grant asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department what representations he has received requesting delay in the application of the Electrical Appliances (Colour Code) Regulations 1969 : and what action he proposes to take as a result.

Mr. Merlyn Rees : My right hon. Friend has received representations from a number of trade associations asking for a postponement of the date, at present 1st July, 1970, on which three core flexible cords in the old British standard colours (red, black, green or green/yellow) ceased to be permissible on domestic electrical appliances offered for sale. My right hon. Friend proposes, subject to urgent consultations now taking place with all the interested bodies, to make amending regulations changing the date to 1st April, 1971 for sale by retail and 1st November, 1970 for other sales.

Who's Who

Rt. Hon. Harold Lever (Lab)
Cheetham, Manchester
Paymaster General

Mr. Merlyn Rees (Lab.)
Leeds South
Joint Parly. Under-Sec.
of State for Home Office

Mr. A. Eadie (Lab.)
Midlothian

Mr. J. A. Grant (Con.)
Harrow Central

Mr. E. Lubbock (Lib.)
Orpington

Mr. A. Palmer (Lab./Co.)
Bristol Central

“Keeping in Touch”—After Retirement

by Mr. W. W. Hughes

FOR SOME time the Board has had in mind laying on some form of informal communication between retired staff who would like to keep in touch with old friends, and with recent developments in our industry.

May I introduce myself as the one given the opportunity of trying to start putting the idea into practice? I regard this as a privilege, because it may be the means of helping to solve a very real problem for people who have reached, or are nearing, retirement, without having given enough thought to the difficulties of adjustment to a new pattern of living.

I am a recently retired Head Office Assistant Secretary, and the idea is that in some of my newly-acquired spare time I should act as a sort of informal and honorary (*but accredited*) link between the Board and retired staff.

It is appreciated that some people, when they retire, decide that they are going to finish with all thought of their working lives, and start a new one with completely different interests.

This is very understandable, and there is not the slightest intention of intruding into their retirement. They need not have the slightest hesitation in ignoring this article.

But there may well be others who would like the Board, or a wide circle of old MANWEB friends,

to know how they are getting on, and who might therefore, welcome a visit from me. If anyone in this category would drop me a line (*c/o MANWEB Head Office, Sealand Road, Chester*) I will try to fix something up with as many as possible.

To avoid misunderstanding, perhaps I should explain that I will not be an official “welfare” or “social service” representative—but if it emerges that the Industry’s Benevolent and other resources could be usefully invoked, the matter would be referred to the proper quarter for follow up.

My next point is intended for any present MANWEB staff—not only those nearing 65. There is no denying that planning in advance eases the inevitable adjustment to retirement. For many years enlightened employers have tried to impress this on their staffs, and our own industry has been in the forefront.

Some years ago the MANWEB and NORWEB Secretaries, and their C.E.G.B. counterparts, produced a booklet entitled “*Preparation for Retirement*”. It broadly covers the whole field of the subject and can be read in a few minutes—give or take plenty more to appreciate the amusing and extremely apt cartoons which illustrate the text.

The booklet is probably quite scarce now, but there is no harm in asking for it at Area or District Offices. It has not “dated” at all and it would justify a reprint. It would deserve to be a “best seller”, but it is a “free issue”.

THE Superannuation (Local Government Approved Employment) Interchange Rules, 1969, replace and extend the former rules governing the interchange of pension rights between local government employment and public board employment. Previous rules provided for the payment of a transfer value from one scheme to the other, giving the

Superannuation

employee the right to reckon his previous service in the new scheme, providing the break between the two pensionable employments did not exceed twelve months.

Under the new rules, local authorities or public boards have powers to extend the twelve month break period in certain circumstances.

If therefore you entered one of the Board’s Superannuation Schemes after February 3rd, 1948, and were not allowed to reckon your former pensionable service with a local authority in the Board’s

scheme, because your break of service exceeded twelve months, you should write immediately to the Chief Accountant, MANWEB, Head Office, Sealand Road, Chester, informing him and supplying the following information :

1. Name of the Local Authority who employed you.
2. Dates of pensionable service with the Local Authority.
3. Dates of entering the Board’s service and superannuation scheme.
4. How you were employed/occupied during the break in service.

The Board will examine each case individually in the light of the new rules, and where appropriate, will approach the local authority with a view to obtaining a transfer value.

Note : *In any case where a local authority agrees to extend the break period and pay the transfer value, it will be subject to the employee having repaid to the scheme any refund of contributions he received on leaving the local authority, together with compound interest.*

RETIREMENTS *from . . .*

.. Head Office . . .

MR. G. E. LOWE

Silver candlesticks and a silver armada dish were gifts presented to Mr. G. E. Lowe (*Ernie*), to mark his retirement from the Board.

The presentation was made by Mr. M. R. Cowan (*Chief Commercial Officer*) during the recent Sales Conference.

Ernie has served the electrical industry since 1934. He joined MANWEB in 1948 and four years later was appointed as Principal Assistant Sales for Area 2. On the amalgamation of Areas 2 and 3 in 1936, he went to work at Head Office in Liverpool and soon established himself as a most popular member of the Marketing Section.

Among his many duties here, he organised the Board's annual Public Speaking Competition and

the highly successful Sales Conferences. His spare time interests are light music and rugby league football—the "Saints" (St. Helens) being his favourite team.

.. Area One . . .

MR. J. T. CUMMINGS

A large number of friends and colleagues gathered together a few weeks ago to pay their tributes to the sterling work, the pleasing personality and ever ready co-operation of Mr. John T. Cummings, the District Engineer for Liverpool Central.

Joining MANWEB in 1959 after service with a number of electricity authorities up and down the country, Mr. Cummings took over as District Engineer at Southport, his appointment coinciding with the changeover of Southport's distribution system to standard voltage.



Mr. Cummings, *left*, receives his farewell gift from Mr. H. Telfer (*Area Manager*)

He was transferred to Central District in 1963, where he was faced with many difficult jobs and where he made numerous friends.

We join with them in wishing Jack, good health and much happiness in his retirement.

MR. H. WILKINSON

Arriving at Derby House in Liverpool as the furniture was

"Farewell" was said to two senior members of the Secretary's staff at a social evening held recently at the Christleton home of Mr. M. M. Parker (*Board Secretary*). Guests of honour were Mr. W. W. Hughes (*Assistant Secretary, Administration*), who retired recently, and Mr. P. C. Winter (*Secretary, Area 1*) who has now left us to take up duties of Assistant Registrar for the City of Liverpool, dealing with County Court and Civil Court work. On behalf of their friends and colleagues, Messrs. Hughes and Winter received gifts from the hands of Mr. D. G. Gwyn (*Deputy Chairman*).

Our picture below, shows the gathering assembled on the lawn at Mr. Parker's home.





Our photographer had to make two attempts to get this picture of Mr. Deringer, *centre right*, saying his goodbyes to Mr. G. Haughan (*District Engineer*).

being moved in way back in 1949 came Mr. Harold Wilkinson to take up an appointment as a principal assistant—Costs, with our Area 1 Accounts Section.

He reached his three score years and five last February, but agreed to stay on a little longer to help us in the transitional period of going 'two-tier'. His service with the Board came to an end when

recently Mr. A. M. Riley (*Area Accountant*) presented Harold with a number of parting gifts from his colleagues.

Before joining MANWEB, he worked at a variety of jobs from laboratory assistant to chief cost accountant. During the war he worked as an accountant at a factory producing tanks.

Now in retirement, Harold's

first job is to build a bigger greenhouse!

. Liverpool Central . .

We wish good health and good luck to the following members of our Liverpool Central District staff who have recently retired after many many years of loyal and valuable service.

Mr. A. M. Riley (*Accountant, Area 1*), *centre right*, presents Mr. Wilkinson with a parting gift from his colleagues at Derby House, Liverpool



Mr. E. Deringer, a crane driver based at Pumpfields, who had completed 32 years' service with the Board and its predecessors.

Mr. B. Beckett, a chargehand labourer, retired on May 21st past 37 years' service.

Mr. S. Matthews, an overhead linesman, who had put in some 42 years, retired a few days later.

Mr. J. H. Stokes, a joiner, retired due to ill health after working in the industry for the past 37 years.

Mr. T. Cain, a chargehand painter from the Area 1 Construction Department retired in May after 27 years' service.

MR. J. H. DAVIDSON

A well-known figure in our Liverpool Central District, Mr. John H. Davidson, a foreman fitter, electrical, retired recently.

Better known throughout the Area as '*Jack Davie*', he has worked for the industry in Liver-

pool since 1936, apart for a short spell at Capenhurst. Engineer at Area 2/3 Office, was the guest of honour at a lunch given by his colleagues. After the meal, on behalf of members of the staff at Area Office and the Districts, Mr. S. Fairclough (*Installation and Service Manager*), presented Mr. Thomas with a portable typewriter and a selection of pottery also a bouquet of flowers for his wife, Anne.

This retirement brought a temporary halt to an extremely active career in the supply and telecommunications industries. Mr. Thomas was trained at Liverpool Polytechnic and subsequently held posts with the Lancashire Electric Power Co., Post Office Telephones, Walsall and Chesterfield Supply Undertakings prior to his appointment with MANWEB in 1951.

An active member of several professional institutions, including the American Institute of



Mr. Davidson, centre, with some of his friends at the Pumpfields Depot

pool since 1936, apart for a short spell at Capenhurst.

At his farewell ceremony at Pumpfields a short time ago, many of his colleagues paid their tributes to his personality and his ability. Mr. J. T. Cummings (*retiring District Engineer*), added his own words of thanks. Then on behalf of the staff, Mr. G. Haughan (*District Engineer*) presented Jack with a sum of money which he will use to buy a greenhouse.

.. Area Two/Three ..

MR. E. A. THOMAS

To mark the occasion of his retirement, Mr. Edward A. Thomas, a senior Commercial

Electrical Engineers, Mr. Thomas is now applying his technical talents as a Consultant on electrical switchgear of American manufacture in the private sector of our industry.

.. Warrington ..

MR. J. E. WILLIS

After nearly 44 years' service in the industry, Mr. John E. Willis, a foreman meter reader/collector retired recently.

Members from almost every department in the District and from Area Office were present to see Mr. G. H. Dodd (*District Administrative Officer*), on their behalf, present Jack with a portable radio.



Mr. Dodd presents Mr. Willis with a parting gift

At the time of his retirement he was the longest serving member of the Warrington staff. He started as a driver in 1926 when he drove a converted Corporation 'bus to convey mains department gangs, *they rode inside*, and their materials, *on the upper deck*, to their work points.

From '*Contact*' we wish Mr. and Mrs. Willis many years of happy retirement.

.. Northwich ..

MR. W. E. SHAW

After nearly a quarter of a century working in our Northwich District, Mr. William E. Shaw a meter fixer, retired a few weeks ago, due to ill health.

We join with his colleagues and friends in wishing him an improvement in his state of health, and a long and enjoyable rest in retirement.

MR. J. WALKER

Formerly a labourer in the Meter Test Department at Northwich, Mr. Jimmy Walker retired a short time ago, after completing some 38 years in the industry.

His many friends in the District wished him every happiness.



Mr. Wilcock, sixth from left, says goodbye to his friends and colleagues at New Crane Street, Chester

.. Chester ..

MR. A. E. WILCOCK

When Mr. Albert Edward Wilcock retired from his job as assistant to the senior storekeeper at our New Crane Street Depot in Chester it was his second retirement from a job, for in 1955, he retired from the Chester City Police with whom he had served from October 1929.

While in the police service, Mr. Wilcock received many commendations from the Chief Constable of Chester and from the Chief Constables of neighbouring police forces.

During the last war, he received a special commendation from the American Consul and was also presented with an Award of Merit from the G.O.C. Western Command after saving the lives of three soldiers on the Little Roodee following an air raid in 1940.

A High Court Judge gave him a special commendation during the Hearing of a manslaughter charge at Chester.

Following his retirement from the Police Force, Mr. Wilcock joined MANWEB in 1957 and since then he has made many friends. A large group of these friends gathered together recently to pay tribute to his fine character

and to his loyal service and to present him with a parting gift of a lawn mower, his main hobby being gardening. He was also presented with a book on gardening by members of the Local Advisory Committee.

.. Area Four ..

MR. H. F. GARRETT

At a ceremony attended by many colleagues and friends at Area 4 Office a few weeks ago, Mr. Harry F. Garrett (*principal assistant-Secretarial*) was presented with a Royal Doulton Dinner and Tea Service by these Area Manager, Mr. K. Helliwell.

The presentation was to mark

Mr. Garret, seated centre, with his wife, seated second left, and some of their close friends from our Area 4 Office



his retirement after completing 45 years' service in the supply industry.

Praise for his integrity, loyalty and the high standard of professionalism which he brought to his work was paid by Mr. A. Kidd (*Area Secretary*).

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett have retired to a new bungalow in Bovey Tracey in Devon. They took with them the sincere wishes of their many friends for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

MR. T. WILLIAMS

After 42 years' service in the electricity supply industry, Mr. Thomas Williams, retired from his job as senior wayleave officer at Area 4 a short time ago.



Mr. A. Kidd (*Area Secretary*) left, says his goodbyes to Mr. Williams

Tom, who joined the N. Wales Power Company in 1928 as a sub-station attendant - cum - linesman was based at Crewe, Hawarden and Oswestry. In 1940 he went to Legacy as operations foreman.

Seven years later he moved to the job he held until his retirement

... Crewe ...

MR. A. T. K. KNOTT

A former North Wales Power Company man, Mr. A. T. K. Knott, recently retired from his job as assistant (Stores) at Crewe District.



Well over 300 years of service is represented by the group of men in this picture taken at the recent retirement ceremony for Mr. Knott, fourth from left

Starting work with the Company in 1932 at Nantwich, Mr. Knott moved over to MANWEB in 1948 and served on the very first Works Committee and Local Advisory Committee. He was also the first Secretary for the Sports and Social Club when it was formed in 1949, a post he held until 1968 when he resigned to let a new man take over.

On behalf of the staff at Crewe, Mr. D. Hodgetts (*District Administrative Officer*), in making his first presentation, handed Mr. Knott a set of Crown Green bowls and a set of cooking utensils, presumably for Mrs. Knott. Many tributes were paid to his long and faithful service and one colleague said that he had never known Mr. Knott to be

late for work in all his 39 years' service.

We wish Mr. Knott and his wife many years of happy and healthy retirement.

... and Anglesey

Mr. I. JONES

One of our Anglesey District linesmen, Mr. Ishmael Jones, retired recently after completing over 30 year's service.

Mr. B. SMITH

A foreman in the mains section, Mr. Benny Smith, has also joined the ranks of the retired after his 35 year's in the industry.

Presentation ceremonies were held at our Llangefni Offices to mark these special occasions.

Mr. A. R. Shaw (*District Engineer, Gwynedd*), right, and Mr. P. Hughes (*section engineer*), left, say their farewells to Mr. Benny Smith



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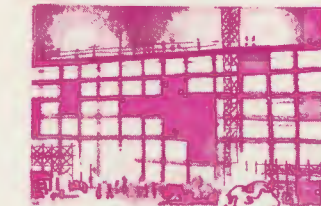
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