

CONTACT



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Here comes Summer
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Our cover picture

While snow carpeted the surrounding countryside, gaily coloured butterflies have made their appearance inside the Board's new Head Office block at Chester.

The air-conditioning system maintains a steady 70° Fahrenheit regardless of outside conditions, and the lighting level is also exceptional so we can only assume that the butterflies have been deceived into thinking that summer has arrived.

Rather cheeky some of them are too as we show on our cover picture, which was also featured in a national daily newspaper.

The young lady with the apprehensive look, no doubt you will all recognise as **Miss Ann Hall** (now *Mrs. Harding*) our very first 'Girl from MANWEB.'

Correspondent at Crewe

A man we are hoping to hear from is **Mr. Jack Burgess**, a clerk in our Crewe District Office at Macon Way. Jack is the new correspondent for "Contact" in the District, so to our friends in Crewe we say—pass on the news.

Tariff Change

The Board's "Off-Peak" Tariffs 'A' and 'D' will be available on and after 31st March only in respect of premises which at that date are already supplied on these tariffs.

The only exceptions are if a customer who at the moment is receiving supplies under such tariffs moves to another house within the Board's area, and wholly transfers and installs his storage heating equipment in his new premises.

Also, a customer can have Tariff 'A' or 'D' if he moves into premises which already has an off-peak electrical installation supplied and designed for receiving supplies under such tariffs.

ENGAGEMENT

We offer our congratulations to **Mr. Paul Alfred Beech**, a Drawing Office assistant at Head Office and **Miss Stella Geraldine Burgman**, who recently announced their engagement.

WEDDING

MILLINGTON—JONES

We offer our sincere best wishes for the future to **Mr. Arthur M. Millington** (former 1st assistant District Commercial Engineer, in Liverpool South District) and to **Miss Brenda Jones** (private secretary to Area 1 Manager, **Mr. H. Telfer**) who were married a few weeks ago at St. Peter's Parish Church, Woolton, Liverpool.

Best Man at the ceremony was **Mr. G. J. Bulmer**, the former District Commercial Engineer for Liverpool South District. Matron of Honour was **Mrs. Jean Isaac**, a singing colleague of the bride.

Brenda and Jean are members of the Liverpool Welsh Choral Union and founder members of the Cecilia Choir. The musical director for both choirs is **Dr. Caleb Jarvis**, the Liverpool City organist, who through his friendship for Brenda, played the organ music for her wedding.

Mr. & Mrs. Millington, with Mr. Bulmer and Mrs. Isaac.



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New Trends at Home

THE ELECTRIC Living Trade Fair, sponsored by the Electricity Council, is now an established event of considerable importance in the diaries of hundreds of Women's Page editors and feature writers on the staffs of Britain's leading newspapers and magazines.

Such is the vitality of the electricity supply industry in relation to everyday life in the home that our leading women journalists recognise that our annual promotion at Harrogate is an event which they cannot afford to miss if they are to keep abreast of vital changes in the lives of their readers.

Every year the Trade Fair produces something new, which normally makes the headlines. The importance of the cooker in our lives is perhaps reflected by the fact that last year it was the 'self-cleaning oven' which made the main news, while one of the star attractions this year was the prototype cooker with the wipe-clean ceramic top.

It is important, however, that we do not allow these interesting new developments to distract our attention from what is really, perhaps, of greater overall importance—the continued and consistent improvement in the appearance, efficiency and performance of practically every other domestic appliance.

The first electric storage radiators were rather bulky affairs needing a day-time boost to enable them to do their job properly. In no time at all these have been transformed to slim, elegant affairs designed for a single off-peak charge with thermostatically-controlled output.

This is just one example of the way in which the standard of domestic appliances is constantly improving.

This year's Exhibition was crammed with interesting developments and innovations of all kinds, and they are described with expertise, elsewhere in this number of *Contact*, by one of our leading local women journalists.



Winning smiles from a winning team as they receive their trophy from Mrs. E. W. Connon, wife of the Regional Director of the North West Region of the C.E.G.B. The team, from left to right: Miss Betty Jackson, Mrs. Sybil Cooper (captain), Mrs. Judith Vennard and Miss Sybil Timmins.

First-Aid Competition— —Ladies win again

THE Merseyside and North Wales District Branch of the Electricity Supply Ambulance Centre came of age recently when it held its twenty-first annual First-Aid Competition at the

Board's new offices in Chester. These competitions provide training in the diagnosis and treatment of injuries and helps first-aiders to work confidently in full view of spectators. All the

Our Head Office Ladies Team with their trainer, Mr. Laurie Hampson. The girls, from left to right, Mrs. Brenda Linfield, (captain), Miss Jenny James (reserve), Miss Avril Williams, Mrs. Vivien Kyte, and Miss Joan Whatling.



tests given to the competitors endeavour to simulate 'real emergencies' which any first-aiders may have to face at some time or other.

The Chester competition was an eliminating round to find the two teams, men's and ladies, to go forward to the National Finals which are held in London.

The problems set for the teams and the individuals this year were enough to test the finest first-aiders. The incidents were very well staged, with authentic backgrounds of a cafe, a workshop, a sitting room and an outdoor scene being expertly set up by members of the Head Office Display Department.

The realistic acting of the 'casualties' again made many of the 'first-timers' wonder what they had let themselves in for.

STOP PRESS NEWS

Our girls from Area 2/3 have won the National Finals again! Sincere congratulations from all your colleagues.



Mr. Dave Ferguson, is joined by the 'Best Individual' winners, Mrs. Brenda Linfield, left and Miss Joan Whatling as they admire the Reserve Competition trophy.



The team representing Area 1, who put up a very good show. From left to right: Messrs. George P. Rive (3rd assistant engineer—Planning), John Browne (joiner), Harry Ethell (engineering draughtsman) and Ted Tierney (electrical fitter).

FINAL RESULTS

Men's Team Competition

- 1st—Ince Power Station with 252½ points.
 2nd—Clarence Dock P.S. with 244½ points.
 3rd—MANWEB Head Office with 237½ points.

In 5th place was our team from Area 1 Office who had 218½ points.

Both the MANWEB teams put up very creditable performances, Head Office having the nerve-racking ordeal of being first team 'on' in this their competition debut. Our teams did exceptionally well as individuals but they dropped a lot of points in the team test.

Right: Competitor with the Head Office team, Mr. Tom Dutton attends to his 'uncle' who he has found lying injured on the kitchen floor.

Below: A fight in a cafe brings in a first-aid team—from Head Office. As Dr. G. O. Hughes, left, looks on, team members, Mr. Harold Wilson, (captain), centre, Dave Stevenson and Rod Kenyon, foreground, get to work.



Ladies Team Competition

Once again the old faithfuls (if they will pardon the expression) worked well as individuals and perfectly as a team to finish with 297½ points, well ahead of everyone else—and some 45 points clear of the winning men's team.

Their only opponents in their section of the competition was the ladies team from Head Office. They put up an excellent show to score 245½ points with their number one and number four girls each winning the Best Individual prizes.

Reserves Competition

Here we had Mr. S. D. Ferguson, from the MANWEB Head Office team, in his first competition picking up the trophy with a total of 43 points out of a possible 60. A most worthy performance.

Deputy Chairman speaks



at the Northwich Staff Conference

MANWEB is well ahead in the application of its Work Study programme, said the Deputy Chairman (Mr. D. G. Gwyn), speaking at an employees' meeting, organised by No. 9 LAC, and held at the Memorial Hall, Northwich, recently.

The meeting, which was well attended, was lively and informative, with candid discussion between the audience and members of the Panel.

Stressing that everything possible was being done to introduce productivity payment working as quickly as possible, Mr. Gwyn made the point that our industry was breaking entirely new ground, and that no electricity supply industry in the world had yet introduced a comprehensive work study system. Certain areas of work posed greater problems in terms of measurement and payments scheme formulation than others, and the volume of work involved was very great.

Speaking of re-organisation in general, and answering questions relating to Northwich in particular, the Deputy Chairman said that future steps would take into account the conclusions and recommendations of the District Officers for the new Mid-Cheshire District, who were in the process of taking up their appointments. The District Officers would be talking to many people in the District, and asking a lot of questions, before forming their conclusions.

Mr. Gwyn again emphasised that re-organisation was a very gradual process, pointing out that it was first announced as long ago as July 1965. Every step

was being carried out in an atmosphere of gradualness. He was certain that this was the right way of doing things, and added: 'At the end of it all we shall be very disappointed if we are criticised, either for our motives or for our conduct of the re-organisation of MANWEB.'

Merging Process

Asked specifically, 'When will Northwich and Crewe Districts become Mid-Cheshire District?' he replied, 'To try to set an arbitrary date would be the road to chaos. Much will depend on the recommendations of the new District Officers. One thing I will say—the merging process will not be precipitate.'

Referring to more general matters affecting the industry, the Deputy Chairman expressed the view that economic support given to the coal industry should be a national responsibility, and not a burden on electricity customers. He pointed out that the recently approved coal price increase would swallow up the surplus achieved by the C.E.G.B. last year, and added that restriction of choice over fuel for power stations was adding very substantially to the electricity industry's costs.

'Question Time' was lively and informative. In addition to re-organisation and Work Study, questions relating to meter-reading, protective clothing, and other matters were thrashed out.

Chairman for the evening was Mr. W. W. Makin (*District Engineer*).

Above: One of the District meter readers raises a tricky point connected with his daily round of work. With the use of a visual aid, he impresses the panel with his problem.

Right: A section of the audience give full attention to Mr. Gwyn's words.



STORMS OVER WELSHPOOL

A helping hand from our G.P.O. friends

A few weeks ago, during a severe storm, a fault developed on the 33,000 volt overhead line between Criggion and Welshpool. Fortunately our engineers were able to maintain supply to all customers by tapping alternative sources.

The fault itself was located in the early hours of the morning when it was found that a tree had been uprooted and blown into the overhead conductors. To make matters worse, all this happened right in the middle of deep floodwater.

Mr. G. E. Davies (*District Engineer, Oswestry*), sized up the situation and immediately got in touch with the engineer in charge of the Criggion radio who had an amphibious vehicle. The Board's staff, with the valuable assistance of the G.P.O. staff were then able to clear the trouble on the line and restore supply as before.

In charge of the whole operation was Mr. Denzil Ellis (*section engineer*) of Welshpool.



Above : Some members of the team, from left to right, back row : Messrs. V. Pugh and H. Vaughan (both from the G.P.O.), W. Davies (linesman) and R. W. Evans (driver). Sitting : Mr. J. Prees (chargehand linesman). Front : Messrs. D. Ellis (section engineer), J. Matthews (linesman) and S. Reese (linesman).

Below : Our photographer gets 'in on the job.'



Appliances designed for the modern homes —and a glance into the future

*A report by
Peggy Woodcock
(Women's Page Editor)
Chester Chronicle and
Associated Newspapers Ltd.*

Our 'Girl from MANWEB,' Miss Peggy Francis, right, chats to a former 'Girl from MANWEB,' Miss Ann Semple, when they met at the Harrogate exhibition



THERE REALLY wasn't a thing missing at the recent Electric Living Trade Fair at Harrogate, which I attended, at the invitation of MANWEB, along with women's writers from all over the country.

It had variety in the form of a complete and comprehensive range of every electric appliance on the market, and it had novelty in the production of 150 new domestic labour-saving aids.

There were glimpses into the future, when women may well be cooking on glass and heating their homes with electric wallpapers, and developments in such things as self-cleaning ovens which will make the housewife's lot much happier here and now.

The Fair produced evidence that the electrical supply industry is working at making appliances more compact and attractive, and it tackled such serious questions as space—or lack of—in the modern home for the increasing number of electric aids and, most important, cost.

On the vital financial side, Mr. Neville Marsh, (*Deputy Chairman of the Electricity Council*) made two interesting points. He said equipment had to maintain a competitive price because of the things it usually competed against . . . new cars, furniture, holidays abroad.

He stressed that on running costs every effort was being made to keep tariffs at present levels and he had this to say about the electricity bill.

'Often the bill seems large in relation to what we remember in the past. Possibly this is due in part to what nearly all of us have as memories : bills used to be smaller and everything was cheaper. But we have to remember how much more electricity we now use and the effects of inflation.'

Fair comment, I think. After all most women today have washing machines and fridges, which their mothers certainly did not, and in most homes a new electric labour-saving aid is added almost every year and they certainly don't run for nothing.

The Fair tipped home freezers and dishwashers as the appliances most likely to succeed next. Many

stands had new models and there is clearly a campaign under way to convince the housewife that these are now, like the fridge and washing machine, not luxuries but necessities.

Standard Sizes

The styling of the new models was noticeably compact and streamlined. Obviously manufacturers have the modern, fitted kitchen in mind and I was delighted to see that throughout the Fair there was a standardising of sizing and a general emphasis on trimming appliances down and styling them as attractively as possible.

On the question of space, streamlining of products is not the only way the electrical supply industry is taking to ensure better kitchens in the future.

The Jackson Hallmark electric cooker claims to have a larger oven than any other cooker of comparable size. The hob has four fast boiling radiant rings, two at six-inch for small saucepans and two at seven-inch for the larger pans. The grill is located below the hob and has an area of 130 square inches. The attractively-styled control panel in silver grey has an automatic timer/minute minder and the matching splashback is protected by toughened glass for easy cleaning. This full size cooker measures only 20 inches wide and 21 inches deep. It will fit flush with most conventional kitchen units.



The Ellectrolux Dishmatic '606' operates fully automatic from start to finish. It offers four choices of washing programmes and will take up to eight place settings. As a front loading model, it can be used free-standing or incorporated in a kitchen unit. The machine has a special safety device to prevent overflowing and overheating.

Proper space must be allowed for modern labour-saving aids, and the industry, both at national and local levels, is pressing architects, local authorities and builders to take this into consideration when designing new homes.

Better looking and improved domestic equipment were two of the claims at the Fair, and the third was, of course, that prices have been kept at last year's level. Better value for money was the general theme and lower running costs were claimed on stands showing room-heating and water-heating appliances.

This was all tied up with the White Meter tariff, introduced at Harrogate a year ago. New heating appliances were shown designed to take advantage of the white meter, which means that the electricity is charged at two different rates. The idea of a cheap night tariff to take care of most of the work, with the more expensive day rate being used just to 'top up,' is a logical one, and great play was made of the flexibility of the scheme.

Certainly the white meter can be adapted to suit a variety of heating and water-heating appliances,

tailored to suit individual homes. The Fair indicated that great strides forward had been made in the whole question of electric central heating, and twin boasts were more attractive equipment and lower installation and running costs.

Back to the kitchen, the cooker news was an increase in the number of models with ovens that clean themselves, including an entirely new process that adds only £5 or £6 to the total cost. Better value for money on the cooker front was also illustrated by the fact that one family-sized model with four radiant rings is 26s. cheaper than its three-ringed predecessor.

The Fair produced 11 new freezers, and there were certainly more small models than ever before. This is to encourage the housewife with limited space to try the advantages that home freezing brings in the saving of time and money, and she will also be encouraged by the drop in prices—in some models prices were as low as £8 a cubic foot.

Prices of the dishwashers were from £100 and there were four new models. Also at the Fair were improved automatic washing machines catering for the new biological soap powders, and vacuum cleaners

Illustrated here is a four cubic foot Home Deep Freezer manufactured by Kelvinator. It has a main storage compartment equipped with three shelves and a top grid, all to maintain consistently 'safe' food temperatures. A removable shelf is also included for greater flexibility and there is also a removable bottom tray. The front edge of the shelves are attractively trimmed in bright chrome. Magnetic gaskets ensure positive door seal.



While the Frigidaire Jetmatic Automatic washing machine does its work, the lady of the house can get on with her other chores.

with many new useful features: cleaning heads that adapt automatically for use on carpets or hard floors.

Small appliances occupied quite a proportion of the Fair and showed an increase in number, usefulness and improved appearance. I liked the coffee percolator with a milk-warmer, and also all the attractive ceramic percolators. The automatic tea-makers have certainly improved in styling and have additional features such as adjustable buzzers and matching trays.

The new appliances I would commend include the Frigidaire Jetmatic, the automatic washing machine that works on the principle of the old dolly-peg, the mini ventilator by Thermor that fits into the space of half a brick and is a do-it-yourself job for any handyman, the Tricity 1970 cookers with 'stay-clean' oven linings that enable a cleaning process to go on all the time the oven is on, and the coloured fridges from Frigidaire, in red, blue green and gold.

But the highspot of the Fair for me was the cooker with the glass top. A foretaste of the future and definitely a product of the space-age, this prototype by G.E.C. was gorgeous to look at, with a surface of flat white ceramic glass covering four rings in place of the conventional radiant rings on the top. The ceramic hob is tough and easy to clean, and the rest of the cooker had space-age styling to match. The prediction is that it will be available early next year, at around £100.

Definitely worth saving for.

CONTACT CAMERAMAN AT HEAD OFFICE



Safe Drivers

Men on the Head Office staff who were recently presented with their Safe Driving Awards. From left to right: Messrs. P. E. Slater, *work study*, (diploma); H. D. Taylor, *Queensferry*, (diploma); R. T. R. Pilling, *work study*, (diploma); W. S. Hughes, *foreman electrician* (10-Year Medal) and G. S. Phillips, *chauffeur*, (diploma). (Mr. W. Jones who was presented with his Bar to the 10-Year Medal died a few days after the presentation).

First-Aiders

Members of the Head Office staff who were recently presented with their First-Aid Certificates, during a meeting of the Local Advisory Committee, from left to right, standing, Messrs. J. R. Woods, D. T. Stevenson, D. Ferguson, E. Pearson, S. Murphy, R. F. Kenyon, J. Roberts. Seated, Mrs. M. Twist, Miss A. Williams and Mrs. P. V. Kyte.



In Recognition of a B.E.M. Award

Mr. William Lawrence Yates, fourth from left, Liverpool North's 33,000 volt king before he retired last August, receives a silver salver from MANWEB Chairman, Mr. D. G. Dodds, in recognition of his award of the British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours.



'Valentine's Eve' Ball at Sealand Road

First dance a terrific success

Friday the 13th was lucky for everyone who went along to the 'Valentine's Eve' Ball, organised by the Chester (MANWEB) Sports and Social Club, and held in the new Head Office restaurant at Sealand Road, Chester.

At this, the very first dance to be held on the premises, the organisers went to a great deal of trouble to create an atmosphere of an exclusive club and the title of 'The Candlelight Rooms' would have suited their efforts most admirably.

Altogether some 500 people enjoyed an evening to remember with dancing to the music



Our photographer had never seen so many smiles on so many faces at one time as he did on the night of the 'Valentines Eve' Ball at Sealand Road. The pictures on this page bear this out . . . but . . . and there always seems to be a 'but'—there was one corner of gloom . . . around the bar.

◀ Still the chap on the left managed a smile as he came away with both hands full !

of 'The Beeliner's from Oswestry, a really great group who could play all kinds of music from the pop scene, with their impression of the Edison Lighthouse and other groups, to a touch of the Herb Alpert's through to time for olde time and a dash of the 'Can-Can.'

Party games also took up part of the evening with some good prizes for the winners.

The one 'black-spot' on the evening was at the one-and-only bar



▲ They played the music . . .

▼ and they provided the fun and games . . .



▲ They organised it . . .

▼ . . . and they fed the 500!

where the service was to say the least, rather slow. We have been assured by the dance committee that this will be remedied at their next effort.

On the other hand, the food was very good and the cafeteria style service was quick and efficient.

This first get-together augers well for the future and many young—and not so young members of the Board's staff will certainly be looking forward to the next 'do.'



Full Crew at the Crewe District Conference

WITH MR. J. A. WINCHESTER (*District Manager*) at the helm, the Crewe District Conference was smoothly launched a short time ago. Addressing the assembled company, Mr. Winchester, who had recently taken up his new duties in the future Dee Valley District, said that he had returned to his old command under orders from Mr. Helliwell (*Area Manager*) to complete his 'year of office' as Chairman of the Local Advisory Committee.

After welcoming guests from Head Office and Area 4 Office, Mr. S. Bown (*Area Secretary of the E.T.U.*) and the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. L. J. Scudamore (*Management Services Officer*), Mr. Winchester had a warm welcome for the many Crewe pensioners who had joined their colleagues once again at this annual get-together.

Then Mr. Helliwell, with the aid of some clearly defined charts, spoke of the steady progress made by the Board in general and Area 4 in particular during the past twenty-one years. In many respects, these figures proved most interesting.

He also pointed out that MANWEB was now near completion of the largest rural electrification scheme in Western Europe. He said that before this year was through, everyone in the Board's area, except the



For answers to 'Any Questions' there was a full team, from left to right: Mr. M. M. Parker (*Secretary and Solicitor*), and Area 4 Officers, Messrs. A. Kidd (*Secretary*), A. Perry (*Engineer*), H. W. Hegarty (*Accountant*) and R. Stewart (*Commercial Officer*).

people in the hotel on the top of Snowdon, will have been offered a supply of electricity. Not all would have accepted, but at least the offer was there.

Following this informative talk, the Chairman introduced Mr. Scudamore to his audience, saying that the subject of his address would be work study and incentive bonus schemes.

Mr. Scudamore began by talking about the reasons why work study was being done by MANWEB and how it was carried out. He said that even though work study and incentive bonus schemes had been in other industries for a number of years, it was something entirely new to the electricity industry.

"Industrial agreements" he continued, "are very much like marriage agreements in that it's the way they are applied that matters. Both parties having the right intentions will work things out in a satisfactory manner."

He then went on to explain the subtle but vital difference between production and productivity, and said that the purpose of work study was to eliminate ineffective work time, such as waiting for transport and standing in stores queues, to determine the best ways of doing a job and finally to establish

Some former 'shipmates' take a keen interest in the proceedings.





A study in expressions as members of the Crewe District staff listen to one of the Conference speakers

a standard time for any particular job—the basis on which incentive schemes were introduced.

Mr. Scudamore explained that work study could be broken down into three parts, first, method



A sprinkling of the female staff at the Crewe District Conference.

study, then work measurement and finally using the data obtained. He said that there were long-term and short-term projects, but at the moment the Board were concentrating on short-term work in order to get schemes going as quickly as possible. Later, we would of course, be going in to long-term method study which could involve new materials and equipment.

He then referred to 'standard time' and 'standard performance' aspects of the work. He emphasised that this was nothing like the old fashioned rate fixing procedures.

He finished by briefly setting out the Board's work study programme which would eventually deal with each District. He said that this type of work could not be rushed and that it normally would take from four to six months to get a scheme into operation.

"The whole essence, from start to finish, is consultation," concluded Mr. Scudamore. "Nothing is done without this very important and vital thing." He said that with consultation at all stages, we could go a long way towards understanding each other and each others motives, and this was important.

The very successful meeting came to an end with a short period devoted to question time, leaving just enough time for a last drink at the bar.



Guest speaker, Mr. L. J. Scudamore.

More members of the District staff 'taking it all in'.



LETTERS

*from a customer
who appreciates
our work...*

A few weeks ago, our stand-by engineer in the North Wirral District was called out by the police in the early hours of the morning. He went to the Moreton area to find a number of customers without supply due to overhead lines being cut by cable thieves.

He quickly got to work to organise linemen from his own District and pole erectors from the Chester District. All these men had early morning calls and were soon out on the job of restoring supply.

All who worked on this job will no doubt be pleased with this letter we received from one of the 'victims'

Dear Sir,

Yesterday the residents of this road had the misfortune to be without electricity due to an attempted theft of your cabling in Millhouse Lane.

I am sure the other residents will wish to join me in thanking the men who worked so hard all day and well into the evening in such bitterly cold weather to restore our electricity supply.

I hope you will show these men this letter so that they will see at least someone appreciates them!
(Signed)

*... An official 'Ta'
to Hoylake*

In a letter from the City and Guilds of London Institute, the Secretary of the United Kingdom Committee has written to the Board's Secretary, Mr. M. M. Parker as follows:

"On behalf of the Technical Committee for the Electrical Trades and of the United Kingdom

Committee, I should like to thank you for your Board's contribution to the United Kingdom Selection arrangements by making available your facilities at your Hoylake Training Centre.

"My Committee is very conscious of the considerable amount of time and trouble which the holding of these tests imposes on the instructor staff and is most grateful. We hope nevertheless the test may be of value, not only in selecting the best competitor but in providing comparisons of training standards within the industry.

(Signed)

*... and a final note
about a highly
satisfied customer!*

Mr. C. Armitage, one of our live-wire salesmen in the North Wirral District was recently asked to call on a customer who seemed to be having a little trouble. The following is his "memo" report to his chief.

"As instructed by you, I have today called on this consumer, in response to her letter regarding purchase of an electric cooker.

"In the course of conversation with this customer, she has complained to me regarding the staff at the Board's shop at Birkenhead.

"She also complained to me about the Government, her estate agent, the Gas Board, young people, the Government, the G.P.O. telephone service, Parkinson Cowan, men, the Government, all workmen, the market research survey, me, the Government, the Inland Revenue, mini skirts, leading cooker manufacturers, her doctor, the Government, pension schemes, the weather, cardboard box manufacturers, her builder and the Government.

"I have to report that this customer has now bought a cooker from the Board, and look forward to hearing further from her in due course".

Electric Sense

The story of electricity generation, its distribution and usage is told simply in a 16-page well illustrated booklet called 'Electric Sense'.

This is published by the Electricity Council to aid children engaged in school projects concerning the electricity supply industry.

A four-page supplement 'Home Electric Sense' deals with modern electrical appliances in the home.

Individual copies are available free from Electricity Boards.

*Don't
forget the*

**'Contact'
Photographic
Competition
for 1970**

Cash prizes to be won
for colour and for
black & white
pictures

Please don't forget!

Table Tennis

A very successful table tennis match was held at Sealand Road recently when two teams from Clwyd District met the Head Office teams.

The matches played by the 'A' teams resulted in a win for Clwyd by seven to one in the singles and a draw in the doubles.

Head Office saved their faces in the 'B' team matches by winning by five games to three and again drawing in the doubles.

Farewell Ball at Northwich

**Sandiway House
Staff have their
final fling
before moving
to Head Office**

Sandiway Sports and Social Club brought their activities to a glorious end with a Farewell Ball at the Memorial Hall, Northwich, a few weeks ago. Members of the club, and their friends, enjoyed a wonderful, well-organised evening.



Above: Here we have Mr. P. Bennet, one of our engineers, with his wife, who was celebrating her birthday.

Below: Mr. Vernon Smith and his wife Yvonne get down to some energetic dancing.



From Old Tyme . . .



. . . to Modern

*Something for everyone at a
wonderful party night*





Round the tables to picture just a few of

the guests who enjoyed the Farewell Ball



PICTURE PAGE



FAREWELL

One of the many partings taking place throughout the Board's area as staff move to take up their new appointments. Here we have Mr. E. T. Peters (*District Manager*) left, wishing Mr. R. A. Williams good luck in his new job as District Commercial Engineer Designate at Oswestry. Also in the picture is Mrs. Williams and Mr. J. W. Forrester (*Installation Engineer designate, Dee Valley District*).



WINNERS

The all-female staff at our West Kirby shop won the Area 2/3 Silver Rose Bowl presented to the shop with the best all round performance over the year. Mrs. Val. Ford (*senior saleswoman*) receives the prize from Mr. G. Bowers (*District Commercial Engineer*), surrounded by, left to right: Miss Pat. Wearing (*saleswoman*), Mrs. Chris. Kent (*saleswoman*), Mr. Doug. Wilmot (*District Sales Supervisor*), Mr. Chris. Armitage (*salesman*), Mr. Les. Smith (*Regional Sales Controller*), Mrs. Audrey McBride and Mrs. Edna Hardcastle (*both part-time saleswomen*).



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Members of our staff who went to the Wallasey Sales Training Centre to brush-up their sales techniques. Left to right: seated: Miss B. Hodgson (*Southport*), Miss S. Moss (*Crewe*), Mrs. J. Audley and Mrs. F. Fagan (*Ellesmere Port*) and Miss V. Williams (*Pwllheli*), standing: Mr. R. Richardson (*Liverpool*), Mr. S. K. Johnson (*Northwich*) and Mr. N. Large (*Crewe*).

VISITORS FROM CAERNARVON

A few weeks ago, officials and members of the Caernarvon Town Council visited the Board's new Head Office at Sealand Road, Chester, where they were taken on a guided tour of the new building. Our photograph, taken on the roof of the building, shows members of the Board's staff with their guests.



Colleagues who have retired from Area 1 . . .

Mr. S. BATEMAN

A clerk in our Liverpool South District Commercial Department, Mr. Sam Bateman recently retired after completing 36 years' service in the electricity supply industry. His many friends and colleagues at Lister Drive presented him with an electric coffee percolator as they wished him the best of health and happiness in his retirement.

Mr. J. ENNIS

A few weeks ago, a very popular figure in the Liverpool Central District, left the service of the Board for a life of retirement. The man concerned was Mr James Ennis, who worked from the Pumpfields depot as an installation inspector.

He had worked for the industry for 33 years and during the war he served as a sergeant in the army.

As a parting gift, his colleagues presented him with an electric razor.

Mr. W. GALLAGHER

At his own request, there was no big send-off for Mr. W. Gallagher when he recently retired from his job as a labourer at Marsh Lane in our Liverpool North District.

'Gallie' as he was affectionately known, who has been with MANWEB for the past 19 years, did not leave without his friends and workmates getting together to present him with a wallet containing some cash.

Mr. T. LEIGH

After 44 years' service in the electricity supply industry, Mr. Thomas Leigh, a substation attendant at Kirkby Grid retired a few weeks ago.

His many friends in the District subscribed to buy him a camera which was presented to Tommy by Mr. C. S. Shimmin (*1st assistant District Engineer*).

Mr. G. M. MILNE

A zone leader in the Liverpool North District, Mr. Geoffrey Milne retired a short time ago after working in the electricity supply industry since 1924.

Geoff. has served his colleagues as a member of the Local Advisory Committee for several years. He will also be missed for his fine copper-plate style of handwriting—writing out special presentation cards.

Now he has retired, he will be able to spend more time at one of his favourite hobbies—fishing.

At a farewell ceremony at Marsh Lane, Geoff. was presented with a number of gifts including a picnic basket, a camera and a handbag for his wife.

Mr. W. WARD

An installation inspector with our Liverpool Central District, Mr. W. (*Bill*) Ward, retired recently after 39 years' service with the Liverpool Corporation Electricity Department and MANWEB.

Bill was a font of information on all kinds of things and places in and around Liverpool. If you wanted a blue baby elephant no doubt Bill would know exactly where you would get one.

His colleagues at Pumpfields wished him a happy and long retirement when they presented him with a cheque which he was putting towards the purchase of a spin dryer for his wife.

Mr. J. W. RANGE

This rather belated report covers the retirement of Mr. James W. Range, an assistant engineer in the Construction Department at Area 1.

Jimmy started his career in 1921 as an apprentice electrician and did many jobs with the Liverpool Corporation Electricity Department until he was appointed as an assistant inspector in 1935.



Above: Mr. Milne, third from left, with friends of his at Marsh Lane.

Below: Mr. Ward, centre left, with his colleagues from Pumpfields.



When MANWEB took over in 1948, Jimmy went to the Liverpool South District as an assistant section engineer where he served for 18 years prior to taking up his post at Area Office over two years ago.

Many of his colleagues attended his farewell presentation ceremony to hear the wonderful tributes paid to his excellent work during nearly 50 years' in the industry.

After suffering a spell of ill health during his last year, we join with his friends in hoping that his retirement will enable him to fully recuperate and, together with Mrs. Range, enjoy many happy years of retirement.



Mr. E. Mills, second from right, presents parting gifts to Mr. Dale.

talent for designing and making 'illuminated addresses.'

As a parting gift from his many friends, Tom was presented with an automatic toaster by Mr. G. Bowers (District Commercial Engineer).

in our files. We now officially report the retirement of Mr. Sydney Tudor Dale (Syd), a meter mechanic chargehand, who worked at our Runcorn Depot.

Syd started work with the Mersey Power Company in April 1919, and after a short spell as an office boy, he became an apprentice electrician.

He went to work at St Helens for a period before returning to Runcorn as an installation inspector.

In his retirement Syd will be doing a bit of gardening and getting down to the many odd jobs about the house that he always intended to finish.

In congratulating him on his completion of 50 years' service, we wish him good health and lots of happiness in his retirement.

Mr. E. McGOVERN

Sincere and glowing tributes were voiced at a ceremony held

Area 2/3 . . .



Mr. Bowers, centre right, presents a parting gift to Mr. Appleby, centre left, in the presence of some of his friends at Craven Street.

Mr. S. T. DALE

Here we report on another retirement which somehow or other seemed to have been lost

Mr. A. T. APPLEBY

Members of our North Wirral staff paid many warm tributes to Mr. Anthony Thomas Appleby (Tom), when he recently retired from his job as meter reader/collector in the District.

A former employee of the Birkenhead Corporation Electricity Department, Tom had completed 31 years' service in the industry.

He is a very keen and able photographer and also has a

Mr. McGovern, in cardigan, with some of his friends in the Area 2/3 Estates and Wayleaves Department.



to mark the retirement of Mr. Eric McGovern, senior assistant, Estates and Wayleaves.

Eric had completed 38 years' service with the electricity supply industry, and the friends he made subscribed to present him with an electric shaver as a parting gift.

Joining the staff of the Chester Corporation as a draughtsman in 1932, Eric became a member of the Chester District staff when the industry was nationalised in 1948. He later transferred to the Estates and Wayleaves department, first at Newgate Street and later at Sealand Road.

A most likeable and jovial colleague, he was a well-known figure in sporting circles. A Cheshire County tennis champion, he also played football as an amateur for Everton, later signing professional forms for Wrexham, Crewe and Wigan Borough. He was a keen bowls player and won many trophies in the competitions organised by the Chester Sports and Social Club.

... and Area 4



Hat and coat on, all ready to go, but before he does, Mal. Evans, left, receives a farewell gift.

Mr. M. EVANS

Well liked and very popular Mr. Maldwyn (*Mal*) Evans retired from his job as driver/linesman in the Oswestry District a few weeks ago.

After warmly thanking him for his service to the Board and to the District, Mr. G. E. Davies, (*District Engineer*), on behalf of

Mal's many friends, made the presentation of an electric shaver and some cash.

Mr. H. PRICE

A man of many parts and interests retired recently from his job as chargehand linesman with the Rhyl mains department. Mr. Herbert Price (*Bert*), started work in the electricity supply industry in the early 1930's with the North Wales Power Company.

During the war years, he saw service with the R.A.S.C.

Bert has been a member of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade for many years and is an instructor in First-Aid. He also instructs in Civil Defence matters, and has been the local scoutmaster at St. Asaph for the past twenty years.

With MANWEB, he was an outspoken member of the Local Advisory Committee, and his voice will most certainly be missed at future L.A.C. Conferences.

We join with his many friends in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

Bert Price, centre, holds his retirement present as he bids farewell to many friends in the Rhyl mains department.



Manual Workers' Benevolent Society

A cordial invitation is extended to all members. A buffet tea will be available from 4.45 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting

of the Society will be held on

Thursday, May 14th, 1970 at 5.15 p.m.

in the Canteen at Craven Street, Birkenhead

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