

# CONTACT

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♪ We've been together now for forty years ♪ (See back page)



## **Awards for North Mersey District Drivers**

"MANWEB drivers are like police drivers—they are professionals. Today's drivers need much greater skill than they did some years ago," said Chief Superintendent E. S. Wright, of Merseyside Police, presenting Safe Driving Awards to members of our North Mersey District staff recently. The venue for the occasion was the Meadows Hotel, Maghull.

The Chief Superintendent added that Safe Driving awards were not a token—they were something meaningful, giving a driver a goal at which to strive—another year of accident-free driving. Standards of driving generally were not as high as might be wished for, but drivers with a goal—like MANWEB drivers—gave the police some hope for the future and helped to raise the general driving standard by example. He advised drivers to be tolerant at all times, and urged MANWEB drivers to seek the co-operation of the police in times of emergency to guard against haphazard parking.

Chief Superintendent Wright, who interspersed his talk with humorous anecdotes from life, said that organisations which participated in the ROSPA Safe Driving scheme gave added pride and status to their drivers. The conditions and standards laid down by the scheme were impressive.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Sid Fairclough (*Group Manager*), and after the presentation of awards all present enjoyed a first-class dinner.

**Group Manager Mr. Fairclough with District Senior Officers and some of the North Mersey Safe Drivers surround Chief Superintendent Wright, *centre left*, as he presents Mr. Peter Moore with his award.**



Awards were as follows:

**Silver bar to 25-year medal:** Mr. P. Moore.

**Bar to 15-year medal:** Messrs. T. H. Hodge, W. S. Owen and S. Paul.

**Bar to 10-year medal:** Messrs. R. Allen, A. W. Briscoe, R. S. Carter, C. Hough, T. E. Matthews, H. Reynolds, K. Sproat and W. J. L. Taunton.

**10-year medal:** Messrs. B. King, J. W. Lennon, W. J. Owen and K. Stewart.

**Bar to 5-year medal:** J. A. Bell, C. Burleigh, H. Cooper, B. H. Cummins, A. H. Evans, K. J. Griffiths, R. W. Harley, G. C. Heaton, G. J. Hughes, J. Kelly, T. Lawrenson, I. Ledson, L. G. Lloyd, A. Ormerod, J. McAvoy, J. Rimmer, F. Sheehan, M. Stevenson, M. H. V. Stubbs, E. J. Willan, and H. Woods.

**5-year medal:** Messrs. C. O. Jones, J. Leatherbarrow, H. W. Miller, L. Riley and P. J. Lee.

**Diplomas:** Messrs. B. F. Baldwin, J. Baldwin, J. W. Beardwood, J. Browne, T. H. Burt, G. Canavan, M. J. Connor, D. Cowhig, W. J. Duddle, R. J. Dutton, L. M. Fallows, K. B. Fitton, P. F. Fletcher, D. Gambon, W. Gibbs, D. A. Grice, P. N. Guppy, A. Harrop, N. Hart, T. Herbert, A. E. Holland, F. Illingworth, L. Jackson, A. G. Johnston, W. E. Jones, R. Lea, F. Lee, J. Lee, W. E. Lowans, G. Matthews, R. D. Mellor, K. Morris, R. Mosses, J. O'Meara, V. O'Sullivan, F. Paterson, J. Pownall, C. Reid, B. J. Robinson, A. Runciman, H. Shiels, E. Smith, W. Staveley, P. Tew, W. R. C. Turner, E. White, J. P. Williams and W. J. Wilson.

**Exemption certificates:** Messrs. A. E. Johnson and J. P. Pritchard.



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## *Service and Satisfaction*

RECENT changes in the qualifying periods of service required for Long Service Awards have led to a great spate of presentation ceremonies up and down the MANWEB area.

The Awards scheme began back in 1952, when it was decided that 25 and 35 years' service would be marked in this way. Six years later a 50-year Award was introduced, but it was soon realised that not many staff would qualify, and this period was reduced to 45 years. This pattern continued until last year, when the qualifying periods were reduced to 20, 30 and 40 years. Awards presented this year total nearly 1,000.

These occasions invariably take the form of pleasant social gatherings, when wives—and sometimes husbands—of recipients join with the rest of the local MANWEB 'family' to see their loved ones receive tokens of recognition for many years of conscientious service to our industry.

Long Service Award presentations are great levellers also. It matters not whether those receiving them have reached positions of eminence and authority, or whether they have simply put in a quarter-century or more of solid and reliable application in some more retiring but no-less-essential way. The Awards are the same, and in some strange way status and gradings and occupations lose all consequence as the recipients step forward to receive their certificates.

The numbers of Awards, and the thousands of years of service they encompass, are eloquent tribute to the job-satisfaction which so many people find in contribution to the essential work of a great public service industry. It may be true that everyone is "in it for what they get out of it," but not all the rewards of work are measured purely in material terms.

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Please let the Editorial staff know of any large-scale or unusual engineering schemes or commercial projects going on in your department. We are interested in people too! Contact us about your interesting personalities with a story to tell.

Award recipients were as follows:

**45 Years:** Messrs. A. Bissell (*sales representative*), J. Campsall (*foreman mains*) and S. A. Madin (*service electrician*).

**40 Years:** Messrs. J. W. Bingham (*telephone supervisor*), L. Blackburn (*chargehand electrical fitter*), G. F. Buckingham (*clerk*), J. A. Burgess (*joiner*), J. Collins (*meter reader*), V. Danks (*installation inspector*), H. G. Duffey (*foreman installation inspector*), F. R. Ellis (*foreman transport*), T. L. Freeman (*meter mechanician*), T. H. Gordon (*chargehand electrician*), W. W. Harcombe (*service electrician*), W. K. Hewitt (*supply engineer*), G. C. Hope (*installation inspector*), R. H. Love (*2nd assistant engineer*), J. Molyneux (*joiner*), D. Murray (*senior salesman*), H. G. McCormick (*service electrician*), R. McDonnell (*meter tester*), E. Neary (*foreman mains*), J. T. H. Owen (*2nd assistant engineer*), T. R. Porter (*electrician*), C. Preston (*service electrician*), G. Range (*foreman mains*), W. Rea (*foreman deliveries*), P. Rivers (*foreman electrician*), R. Rummens (*meter reader/collector*), W. Steging

E. Townsend (*higher clerical assistant*), F. Woan (*service electrician*) and A. Wood (*sales assistant*).

**25 Years:** Miss J. Barren (*clerk*), Messrs. H. Bennett (*administrative assistant*), J. Calvert (*foreman meter reader/coll.*), W. J. Cleugh (*joiner*), A. Eyres (*system engineer*), W. Harrocks (*joiner*), K. W. Horrobin (*2nd assistant engineer*), J. Jones (*2nd assistant engineer*), N. Mitchell (*principal assistant—Administration*), E. J. Price (*meter reader/collector*) and E. Tupman (*foreman meter reader*).

**20 Years:** Miss D. M. Alcock (*higher clerical assistant*), Mrs. F. Davies (*part-time sales assistant*), Miss J. Hancock (*higher clerical assistant*), Miss J. Heffey (*higher clerical assistant*), Mrs. B. Millington (*shorthand typist*), Mrs. J. Mitchell (*clerk*), Miss M. Nelis (*shorthand typist*), Mrs. M. Roberts (*shop cleaner*), Miss A. Swanson (*higher clerical assistant*), Messrs. R. A. Aindow (*installation inspector*), T. F. Ball (*installation inspector*), F. Billam (*foreman mechanical fitter*), R. Burns (*electrician*), A. Campbell (*joiner*), E. Cardin (*meter reader/collector*), J. L. Cogan (*meter mechanician*), W. G. Corcoran

## 4,290 Years of Service in Liverpool

(*mechanical fitter*), C. S. B. Taylor (*joiner*), C. F. Walmsley (*4th assistant engineer*) and J. Warren (*foreman mains*).

**35 Years:** Messrs. L. A. Baron (*Work Study assistant*), J. G. Bather (*4th assistant engineer*), W. J. Beare (*service electrician*), D. J. Birkenhead (*electrician*), W. Butterfield (*service electrician*), T. R. Dobb (*meter mechanician*), C. E. Donovan (*District Engineer*), R. Hughes (*foreman meter tester*), K. Kendall (*ch meter reader/collector*), R. King (*meter reader*), S. Lowry (*higher clerical assistant*), N. S. Owens (*clerk*), A. Warbrick (*meter mechanician*) and W. C. Whittingham (*meter reader chargehand*).

**30 Years:** Miss I. Brady (*higher clerical assistant*), Mrs. M. Jacobson (*administrative assistant*), Miss K. McKeown (*higher clerical assistant*), Mrs. P. M. Tucker (*clerk*), Messrs. A. R. Bate (*electrician*), T. Brown (*joiner*), E. J. Bryans (*meter mech.*), G. Burch (*chargehand driver*), J. R. Clarke (*electrician*), H. A. Craven (*meter mechanician*), W. J. Eaton (*labourer*), A. J. Edmonds (*installation inspector*), S. Green (*administrative assistant*), D. Hughes (*service electrician*), J. W. Jameson (*draughtsman*), A. J. Kennedy (*meter tester*), J. E. Langley (*meter mechanician*), T. Larkin (*administrative assistant*), J. K. Littler (*service electrician*), W. G. Littler (*electrical fitter*), E. Payne (*service electrician*), G. D. Perkins (*2nd assistant engineer*), H. Perry (*chargehand electrician*), E. G. Robinson (*4th assistant engineer*), T. Saladine (*District Sales Supervisor*), G. Thompson (*sales representative*),

(*meter mechanician*), C. W. Davies (*chargehand labourer*), F. Deakin (*joiner*), K. Deakin (*electrician*), R. Draper (*joiner's mate*), E. J. Elcock (*meter tester*), A. Fairclough (*coach painter*), G. Forsyth (*meter tester*), D. G. Gee (*higher clerical assistant*), A. Giblin (*joiner*), G. Gillett (*meter reader*), R. G. Goodwin (*administrative assistant*), T. D. Hamilton (*District Administrative Officer*), W. D. Harvey (*meter tester*), J. Heaton (*Production Engineer*), G. W. Hill (*administrative assistant*), D. Hoare (*labourer*), E. Johnson (*service electrician*), T. G. Jones (*chargehand meter reader*), R. I. Jowett (*District Commercial Engineer*), E. Kelly (*senior sales representative*), D. Kerr (*joiner's mate*), N. Liderth (*meter mechanician*), G. J. Livingston (*driver*), M. E. Lock (*electrician*), J. B. Marr (*electrical fitter*), J. T. Milne (*meter reader*), A. McCarthy (*chargehand labourer*), E. Nelson (*meter tester*), R. B. Pinner (*electrician*), G. Pittman (*4th assistant engineer*), G. R. Platt (*service electrician*), S. C. Potter (*storekeeper*), F. E. Radley (*electrician*), G. P. Rive (*3rd assistant engineer*), C. D. Roberts (*labourer*), S. Robinson (*meter mechanician*), J. J. Rooney (*chargehand mechanical fitter*), C. J. Scott (*meter mechanician*), D. J. B. Sharpe (*substation attendant*), G. Smith (*installation inspector*), J. A. Spencer (*joiner*), B. Walkup (*joiner*), K. Wall (*electrician*), M. Waterhouse (*overhead linesman*), D. I. R. Williams (*sales assistant*), W. Wilson (*storekeeper*), E. A. Wright (*bricklayer*), L. Wrigley (*meter fixer*) and H. Yeo (*chargehand labourer*).



Pumpfields garage staff, *from left to right*: Messrs. Steging, Fairclough, Billam and Rooney.

## ***Some of the Long Service Award Recipients***

◀ Hello twins, William Littler, *left*, and his twin brother John.



A 'forty-year' trio, *from left to right*: Messrs. Buckingham, Collins and Bingham.



A top award man Mr. Madin (45 years) with his wife and Mr. Fairclough (*right*).

Some of the 'forty-year' men, *from left to right, back row*: Messrs. Danks, Burgess, Porter, Rae, Walmsley, Hewitt and Preston. *Front row*: Messrs. Hope, Duffey, Rivers, Gordon, Love and Owen.





Unloading . . .



. . . up the stairs . . .



. . . on to the train . . .

## WE DELIVER ANYWHERE!

It was a special delivery job after Mr. Roy Pugh, of Aberystwyth shop, sold a deep freeze and a griddle to Mr. D. P. Jones, owner of the Cliff Railway cafe, Aberystwyth.

The cafe stands on the top of Constitution Hill, which dominates the town with splendid views of Cardigan Bay. The delivery team were Ray Evans and Ron Davies, electricians, and the pictures on this page, showing the problems they had to cope with, were taken by Chris Jones (salesman, Aberystwyth shop).

. . . up the 'Hill' . . .



. . . and on to the cafe.



### "SPRING AND PORT WINE"

The first production by the New Electron Players of "Spring and Port Wine" staged for two shows at the Neptune Theatre in Liverpool a few weeks ago, was a great success and well-received by the audiences on both nights.

Out Chairman, Mr. Denis Dodds, accompanied by Mrs. Dodds attended the 'first-night' show.

For some of the cast this was a first time effort, but they gave excellent performances thanks to the hard work by Mr. Sid Costin who directed the play.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Sid, the players and the fine team behind the scenes whose 'blood, sweat and tears' brought about this successful show.

In scenes from the play. Left, from left to right, standing: Rodney Middleton, Cathy Norton, Pat Flanagan and Tom Saladine. In front: Muriel Barnes, Dave Hancock and Jim Danby.

Right: Eva Kirkwood.





## MANWEB SHOWHOUSE

THE FIRST of 200 all-electric, high quality houses to be built at the Westminister Park Estate, Chester, has been bought by MANWEB as an All-electric Showhouse, and was officially opened by our Chairman, **Mr. Denis Dodds**, recently. Among the guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Chester (Councillor and Mrs. W. Mitchell).

Mr. Dodds told the gathering that MANWEB had bought the house to clearly demonstrate our complete faith in the fact that the homes of the future will increasingly tend to be all-electric. He again emphasised that off-peak electricity would continue to be much cheaper

than electricity supplied on standard tariffs.

These new homes are designed to save money, especially in the cost of fuel, one of the main home accounts. This is because every house has a very high standard of thermal insulation with all windows

double-glazed, wall cavities foam-filled and four inches of insulation in the loft area. Space heating is provided by a thermostatically-controlled low pressure hot water system from Centralec units, supplied and installed by MANWEB.

Domestic hot water comes from the double immersion heaters in the heavily-lagged 50-gallon cylinder. A split-level cooker, 'Electra' refrigerator and other labour-saving electrical appliances make up these very economical, practical and easily-run one-fuel homes, using "White Meter" off-peak electricity with unit rates substantially cheaper priced than the normal priced units of electricity.

The design, finish, overall quality, location and sound economic proposition of these properties is bound to interest executives of existing and future industrial and commercial concerns and, with the eventual development of these 200 all-electric homes, will encourage business growth in the Chester area.

### Champion Haymakers

The shortage of animal feeding stuffs, particularly hay, has been much in the news during the past winter. All the more important, therefore, that every bale of hay made should be of the highest possible quality, retaining the maximum amount of nutritional value.

It is universally accepted by

Our photographer caught the local pressman taking his shot at the official opening of the MANWEB Showhouse in Chester. We see, from left to right: **Mr. R. R. Griffiths** (Contracts Manager, Norfleet), **Miss Lynette Kemp** (The "Girl from MANWEB"), **Mr. Denis Dodds** (Chairman), **Mrs. Dodds**, **Mr. D. Alan** (Site Agent, Norfleet), **Councillor W. Mitchell** (Mayor of Chester), **Mr. C. Hopwood** (Director, Rawlings Bros.), **Mrs. W. Mitchell** (Mayoress of Chester), **Mr. D. Rogers** (Sales Manager, Norfleet), **Mr. A. Haydock** (Chairman, Rawlings Bros.), **Mrs. J. C. McDonald** and **Mr. T. C. McDonald** (Managing Director, Norfleet).



the experts that the best hay of all is made by drying it in the barn. The risk of deterioration and loss due to bad weather in the fields is eliminated, while the controlled conditions under which hay is dried in the barn ensure that the job is done with maximum efficiency, guaranteeing a finished product of peak quality.

To popularise electric barn-hay-drying still further, the electricity industry will again hold a country-wide championship this year, open to farmers with all-electric installations. Regional competitions, in each Electricity Board's area, will be held, with cash prizes, and the winning bales will go forward to the national finals in October.

Interested farmers can get further information, and entry forms, from **Mr. Ron Andrews** at Head Office.

#### Pat leaves

A popular colleague formerly at Southport and later at North Mersey District office at Bootle, **Mrs. Pat Ferguson**, left the Board recently.

She began as a junior clerk in 1962, and worked at Southport until the move to Bootle, dealing with the administrative side of business and accounts for payment.

Throughout her time with MANWEB Pat proved herself to be adept at dealing with the general public over accounts and tariffs problems.

She was an active member of the Southport Electricity Sports and Social Club, occupying most positions from committee member to Chairman, and playing a leading part in such activities as arranging children's parties.

On behalf of her many friends she was presented with a pair of table lamps, a tea service, and other gifts. A farewell social evening at an Ainsdale hotel followed.

#### Dancing on the briny

The Royal Pier Ballroom, Aberystwyth, was the venue chosen by the District for a buffet dance a short time ago, when 120 Sports and Social Club members and guests, including a party from Rheidol Power Station, enjoyed an excellent buffet prepared by the pier staff.

The "Wild Knights" Road Show, managed by local "D.J." Brian Hammond, presented a well-varied programme of music for dancing in the spacious ballroom, and the two young "go-go" dancers trained by Brian gave an enthusiastic and talented display.

A wealth of talent was revealed by a competition to find the best singer or instrumentalist in the District. Placed first were the **Parry Sisters**, a harmony duet accompanied by guitar, and in second place came **Jack Colley** with a vocal solo. Third prize was taken by **George Fleming**, a guitarist who played and sang.

The evening was voted a great success by all present, and bodes well for the recently-revitalised Club—which has a full programme of activities for the coming months.

#### Master rider

After returning recently to competitive motor-cycle Trials riding, following a break of several years, **Mr. Brian Morris**, a fitter at our garage at Oswestry, has been notching up a series of impressive wins.

Brian started competing at the age of 16 on a BSA Bantam. He won an award for the best "Under 18" age-group in the Manx Two-Day Trials in the early '60's on a 200cc James, following this with many other successes, the most noteworthy being victory in the All-Wales Championship Trial at Llandrindod Wells in 1961. He followed this up with ten wins in ten rides!



Brian taking a rough ride through a stream.

With the recent revival of the sport in Shropshire for vintage (pre-1965) machines, Brian's interest was fired again. Riding a 1964 *Tiger Cub* belonging to his father, he showed that he had lost none of his touch with another series of stylish victories, the most recent being in an Oswestry District Motor Cycle Club event, when he lost only three marks on the entire course.

He also won the award for the best all-British machine in the recent Ministerly Club's Time and Observation Trial.

#### Christian Fellowship

A recent meeting of the "Fellowship" at Head Office was addressed by **Mr. Maelor Griffiths** of our Revenue Department who spoke on "Hopeful signs of the times."

He suggested that in society one could see a sincere searching for truth, but asserted that progress in science and technology divorced from the Chris-



tian ethic and way of life could be calamitous.

The "Fellowship" have now arranged a new series of meetings at Head Office on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. A warm invitation is extended to all staff to attend these meetings.

### New Shops for Old

A timely guide to the wide use of electricity by retailers can be found in the Electricity Council's recent publication, 'New Shops for Old.'

All the services electricity can provide to create a good retail environment are described. For warmth, over-door heaters, storage fan heaters, Electricaire units (for larger shops) and electric heaters linked with ventilation systems all offer low capital cost, reliability, and in most instances rapid, economical installation.

A recently developed comfort system can, if the circumstances are right, cut the need for additional heating to an absolute minimum so making a definite contribution to energy saving. Called 'heat recovery ventilation,' it extracts excess heat from some areas of the shop, raises its temperature if required and delivers it to areas where extra heating is needed. During summer, the unwanted heat can be discharged to the outside air.

A comfortable environment and well-designed lighting are powerful sales aids that cannot be ignored. Lighting need not be extravagant—a dramatically lit window draws customers like a magnet in a busy street, as well as helping to "sell merchandise after hours.

*New Shops for Old*, is available from Electricity Boards and the Electricity Council, Marketing Department, Trafalgar Buildings, 1 Charing Cross, London SW1A 2DS. Single copies are free.

### People write . . .

Letter from a lady at Wrexham . . .

*"I wish to express my satisfaction at the excellent service provided when the element on my cooker blew the fuses on a Sunday evening. Not only was the engineer at the house within minutes of my phone call, but the repair was efficiently completed the following morning as promised. This kind of service is rarely found these days and I feel deserves mention . . ."*

Thank you madam—it makes a nice change. We'll frame it and hang it on the wall of the office of the Installation and Service Manager!

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. . . and one from Mr. Douglas Williams, County Secretary of the NFU at Dolgellau . . .

*"During the course of last week and this week the MANWEB labour force have been laying an underground cable outside these offices and along Lion Street, Dolgellau.*

*The trench was dug quickly and tidily, and although these offices suffered quite a bit of noise for some time they 'got on with the job' to get it over, and not one water, gas, electric or sewerage pipe was fractured. The men were of a most pleasant disposition getting on with the job as efficiently as possible."*

Take a bow, the **Aberystwyth cable gang**. Perhaps in future you could be called the "Courtesy Crew"?

### Odd Note

Our colleagues at Lister Drive are still puzzling over a message received from a firm in Devon (England), from whom some switchgear had been ordered.

The message informed them "Switch left India on board the 'Indian Surprise,' February 1975—date expected for delivery will be the end of next week."

Lister Drive has visions of a rowing boat plodding its way through the Indian Ocean—or perhaps the letter was sent on April 1st!

### For Sale

Dinghy — Enterprise-type E 17006, professionally-built, wood, sailed 12 times, metal spars, Musto sails, bailers, tramsom flaps. No certificate. £420 o.n.o. Tel. Sandiway 883188.

### Mature Student

The saying that you are never too old to learn aptly applies to a well known former MANWEB man **Mr. Harold Waring**, who retired some little time ago after 40 years'

Rather than just put his feet up he has entered a very strenuous mental exercise. He has enrolled as a student at Liverpool University where he is following a Bachelor of Science degree course in economics.

Before his retirement Harold was a Principal Assistant in the Head Office Computer Section, having previously worked in

### DANGERS IN YOUR HOME

Old drugs, tablets, capsules, etc., etc., can be dangerous if left lying around. They can so easily be taken by mistake, especially by children.

Gather them up, bring them to work and hand them over to Nurse Davis at Head Office or to your Administrative Officer in your own District. Or, if it is easier, hand them in to your local chemist.

There is also a police amnesty for addictive drugs. Get rid of these too!

North Wirral District and the former Area 3 Office in Chester. He will be remembered by colleagues of the old Area 2/3 as the organiser of staff pantomimes and office parties.

Although a keen gardener, with this new venture he will be excused if the occasional weed creeps into his borders.

### Pre-Budget Blues!

The beat-the-Budget rush for electrical appliances, following the Chancellor's announcement that the VAT rate for many items was to go up to 25%, faced our shop staff with a very heavy rush of work—and inspired **Mrs. Betty Step** from our Crewe shop to burst into verse to express her feelings!

*The 19th of April, Oh! what a day,*

*We really should have stayed  
away,*

*Instead of selling all we've got,*

*Have we got it? Have we not?*

*Rosy cheeks and aching feet,*

*Carry on, don't show defeat.*

*Cash pad's missing, MI's gone,*

*Still we have to carry on,*

*No time for a visit or even a puff,*

*The going's getting really rough*

*Tea bell went an hour ago,*

*Dare we go? Oh! dear no!*

*Heads are aching, muscles tight,*

*Won't be long before it's night.*

*Hope you're satisfied dear old*

*Dennis,*

*You've proved yourself a real*

*old menace,*

*The 19th of April, Oh! what a day,*

*Got to admit though—it was  
fun all the way!*

### Next Year's Mayor

Principal assistant (admin.) at North Wirral District until his retirement, **Mr. John Evans**, has been nominated as Deputy Mayor of Wirral Borough Council, with the near-certainty of being Mayor next year.

Mr. Evans served on the former Birkenhead Council from 1964 to 1970, being elec-

ted to Wirral Council as a Liberal after local government re-organisation.

### Cost-Effective Catering

The complete cook-freeze catering operation was featured in action, from prime cooking through blast freezing to re-constitution in a peripheral kitchen, at the Cost Effective Catering Exhibition organised by the Electricity Council at Manchester recently.

The Exhibition, and its associated Conference, was designed to provide essential background knowledge for the efficient planning and organisation of large-scale catering systems. The conference, particularly, was aimed at accountants, architects, finance personnel and purchasing officers, services engineers and catering specialists.

### MANWEB golfers keen

Fifty enthusiastic members of the MANWEB (Chester) Golfing Society, drawn from six Districts and Head Office, were fanatical enough to brave persistent rain at this first meeting at Upton-by-Chester golf club on May 1st.

First Captain of the Society is **Mr. Geof Barnes** (Asst. Chief Accountant—Revenue), and the best score of the day was notched up by **Mr. Alan Kidd** (Asst. Secretary—Personnel).

### Pub grub

Pub catering, ranging from snacks cooked at the back of the bar to a full restaurant meals service, was featured on the electricity stand at the Licensed Victuallers' Trade and Catering Exhibition in London last month.

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## Obituary

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We deeply regret to announce the deaths of the following retired colleagues:

**Mr. Walter Lloyd**, of Garth Owen Newtown, a MANWEB linesman until his retirement. Mr. Lloyd, who was 80, was a well-known sportsman in his younger days, having played on many occasions for the Montgomeryshire County Cricket team, and also for the Newtown First XI. He also played full-back for the town's soccer team, and was a playing member of the Old Newtown Rugby team. Mr. Lloyd also had a considerable reputation as a fisherman.

He served in the Royal Welch Fusiliers in the first World War, and was attached to a Balloon Squadron at Coventry in the second.

**Mr. A. E. Minshall**, a draughtsman at St. Helens until taking early retirement in 1966.

**Mr. R. G. Finney**, of Selkirk

Drive, Eccleston, a section engineer at St. Helens until he retired in 1971 after 39 years' service.

**Mr. Edward Pritchard**, switchboard operator (VHF) at the control centre, Rhostyllen. Mr. Pritchard joined MANWEB in 1951 as a driver at Legacy depot, later transferring to control room duties. He was a qualified First Aider, and a popular colleague. During the war he served in the R.A.F.

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We deeply regret also to record the untimely death of **Mr. David Shore** at the age of 21, following a road accident on April 18th. David joined MANWEB in 1970, being appointed an electrician in 1974. He was a popular young man among his colleagues in Mid-Cheshire District, and we extend our sincere sympathy to his relatives and also to the families of all our colleagues who have passed away.



The winning team receives the trophy. *From left to right: Will Jones, John Foster (non-playing captain), Doris Hamer, Doreen Rushton, Marie Blair, Mike Greenslade, Paul Wilkinson and Mr. A. Crowder, Chairman of the Midlands Electricity Sports Representative Council who made the presentations.*

## BADMINTON CHAMPS AGAIN!

For the third time in five years MANWEB's Badminton stars found themselves facing their old adversaries from the East Midlands Electricity Board in the finals of the electricity industry's Restricted Team Badminton Championships, staged recently at Birmingham University. After a tense see-saw battle our players emerged victorious as the National Champions (making the present tally against the EMEB two-one in our favour).

A record entry of 19 teams took part, and these were divided into four groups, the winners in each group going into the semi-finals.

MANWEB 'A' won their group contest after a hard final with previous winners from the MEB.

In the semi-finals we disposed of the London Electricity Sports Association, while our old rivals from the East Midlands beat the CEGB Berkley Nuclear Authority team, again in closely-contested matches.

The final was played off before a large crowd. Each team won one doubles and one mixed match, leaving everything depending on a further mixed event to decide the winners. We won the first game

18—16, lost the second 18—13, and clinched the title with a 15—11 score in the final game which might well have gone either way.

The MANWEB 'B' team, after a good beginning came third in their group and were eventually knocked out of a "Plate" event by the Electricity Council, Capenhurst.

The Championship Shield was presented by the Chairman of the Midlands Electricity Sports Representative Council. Everyone who took part appreciated the excellent facilities of the University, and the friendly atmosphere which prevailed throughout.



The MANWEB "B" team, *from left to right—seated: Viv Price, Joan Hughes, Maureen Donaldson and Kath Knight. Standing: Barry Harding, Alan Snape, Tony Thakray (non-playing captain), Tony Tonks and Geoff Philips.*



The first contingent to receive their Long Service Awards at a ceremony in Crewe District Office. The 40-year and 30-year men are seated on the front row.

## Mid - Cheshire Ceremonies

... at Crewe ...

At the first of three gatherings in our Mid-Cheshire District, for the presentation of Long Service Awards Mr. R. J. Barraclough (*Group Manager*) presented awards to 30 members of the staff—including three "forty-year" men. Many of the recipients were accompanied by their wives.

Mr. Barraclough told the gathering that he was happy to be associated with an industry with such a fine record of maintaining supplies. He likened the Districts to units of the larger MANWEB family. He was assisted at the ceremony by the District senior officers (Messrs. G. Zeiher, N. Walsh and R. D. Evans). A buffet tea concluded the proceedings.

Awards were presented as follows:

**40 years:** Messrs. J. Burgess (higher clerical assistant), T. Cash (Production Engineer) and R. Preston (installation inspector).

**30 years:** Messrs. H. Allman (principal assistant), H. Buckley (3rd assistant engineer), J. Cully (jointer's mate) and H. Williams (jointer).

**25 years:** Messrs. A. Basford (linesman), G. Blundell (clerical assistant), G. Hughes (energy sales engineer), T. Jones (linesman), K. Sandlands

(public street-lighting attendant), D. Tomkinson (chargehand linesman), T. Watthey (clerical assistant), R. Woodall (System Engineer) and E. Worrall (meter reader/collector).

**20 years:** Messrs. E. Bebbington (chargehand cable layer), J. Bird (installation engineer), D. Brookshaw (jointer), G. Currie (Commercial Supply Engineer), E. Everall (driver), E. Foster (section engineer), M. Griffiths (electrician), G. Hallows (labourer), H. Hough (higher clerical assistant), W. Jones (commercial foreman), L. Lindop (jointer's mate), J. McGirr (jointer), P. de la Roche (installation inspector) and R. Waddilove (electrician).

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At the final ceremony held at the District Office in Crewe, Mr. Barraclough said how much he enjoyed these occasions when he could chat informally with staff and their wives. Before presenting the awards he commented that the value of long service showed in the efficiency and experience of the staff when carrying out their various duties.

Top man of the day was Mr. Len Young (*energy sales engineer*) who had completed 45 years' service.

Other awards were as follows:

**40 Years:** Mr. J. Pilbury (*fitter's mate*).

**35 Years:** Messrs. C. Hughes (*chargehand electrician*), G. Osbourne (*draughtsman*) and L. Waltmaier (*chargehand electrician*).

**30 Years:** Messrs. R. Ellis (*section engineer*), W. Penhall (*installation inspector*) and N. Walsh (*District Commercial Engineer*).

**25 Years:** Messrs. W. Butler (*chargehand meter*

At the second ceremony at Crewe with top man Mr. Len Young, seated centre.



reader/collector), N. Davenport (2nd asst. engineer), E. Davies (switchboard attendant), J. Harvey (charge-hand linesman), E. Hollinshead (2nd asst. engineer), J. Kerley (linesman), G. Massey (jointer's mate), N. Oakes (meter reader) and E. Smith (2nd engineer). 20 Years: Mrs. E. Hoxworth (sales asst.), Messrs. T. Aspinall (electrician), B. Barnett (public lighting attendant), F. Cliffe (linesman), D. Clutton (charge-

hand linesman), P. Davenport (ex-driver), D. Ellerton (higher clerical asst.), K. Gibbons (shop supervisor), W. Holland (electrician), C. Hough (painter), B. Johnson (mechanical fitter), D. Jones (linesman), L. Merrill (labourer), D. Oakes (jointer), G. Steele (meter reader), A. Stubbs (higher clerical asst.), A. Stubbs and B. Taylor (meter reader/collectors), D. Tilley (jointer) and F. Warburton (linesman).

## ... and at Northwich

Thirty-five members of Mid-Cheshire District's staff—many accompanied by their wives—attended a presentation ceremony at Northwich Sports and Social Club to receive their Long Service Awards from Mr. R. J. Barraclough.

The occasion was a happy informal affair with many memories re-lived over a buffet tea.

A 45-year award went to Mr. Sam Knight (section engineer) and a 40-year award to Mr. George Wood (electrician) both now retired.

Other awards were as follows:

**35 Years:** Messrs. T. Martin (jointer) and G. Breeze (charge-hand).

**30 Years:** Messrs. A. Facy (chargehand), K. Tatler (foreman), F. Jones (p/l attendant) and R.

Penny (electrician).

**25 Years:** Messrs. A. Dickens (jointer), G. Greenough (charge-hand), E. Benyon (electrician), E. Spruce (electrician), R. Martin (principal assistant) and K. Pawson (storekeeper).

**20 Years:** Mrs. M. Tomlinson (sales assistant), Messrs. L. Ashbrook (labourer), A. Ashbrook (linesman), A. Bell (linesman), F. Cross (driver), C. Clements (painter), J. G. Evans (electrical fitter), H. Hassall (linesman), J. Jones (jointer's mate), K. Leather (jointer), K. Massey (foreman), S. Gatley (linesman), J. Kolrowski (senior draughtsman), H. Massey (linesman), G. Robinson (labourer), J. Rickstock (asst. section engineer), G. Robinson (labourer), R. Scott (chargehand), V. Smith (section engineer), A. Yarker (asst. production engineer), C. Young (foreman), E. Maughton (electrician), D. Pennington (shop supervisor), A. Pulham

(p/l attendant), T. Raynor (charge-hand electrician), K. Hunter (clerical assistant), J. Mahon (meter reader), W. Robinson (storekeeper), E. Stock (storekeeper) and E. Tideswell (labourer).

Assisting at the presentation were the District senior officers, one of whom (Mr. G. Zeiher—District Engineer) himself received a 20-year award.



Mr. Barraclough, right, presents awards to Messrs. Sam Knight, left and George Wood.

Award recipients at the Northwich presentation ceremony. The lone lady is Mrs. Margaret Tomlinson who received her 20-year award.





## No. 6 EMPLOYEES' MEETING

As our pictures show, it was a very happy meeting.

# Moloney Commits Merseycide — —slays 'em with Scouse Wit!

**I**N THE pleasant surroundings of New Brighton's Riverside Restaurant, North Wirral District held the annual employees meeting.

A large cross section of the District's personnel made up the delegates who crowded into the conference.

Representatives from Head Office and retired employees were amongst the delegates, with a fairly recent recruit to the ranks of the latter, Mr. Harry Telfer, former Group Manager, looking bronzed and fit after his recent trip to South Africa.

Straight-faced Peter Maloney with a smiling Lynette Kemp.



Special guests for the evening were the 'Girl from MANWEB 1975' Miss Lynette Kemp, and lecturer, raconteur and wit Mr. Peter Maloney, who was the guest speaker.

After an excellent meal came the business part of the evening, and the meeting was brought to order by the chairman of the proceedings, Group Manager Mr. Sid Fairclough.

Welcoming delegates Mr. Fairclough then introduced the secretary of the No. 6 Local Advisory Committee, Mr. Jack Bradley.

Mr. Bradley gave the report of the work of the L.A.C. during the year. He covered in detail the great number of items dealt with by the committee illustrating the progress made in the District.

He had a special word of congratulation for Miss Florence Sweeney, a North Wirral demonstrator, who had won the MANWEB section of the Public Speaking Competition, and goes forward to represent the Board in the national finals in London.

Following Mr. Bradley, it was the turn of Mr. Peter Maloney, the guest speaker to educate the assembled throng on the art of communicating with residents of the opposing bank of the River Mersey, or as he might put it 'learnin' dem Scouse.'

Then followed nearly an hour of hilarity which had the audience clutching their sides with mirth, as the ex-monk, ex-paratrooper, ex-school teacher, recounted his experiences in his many professions, all with a link with communication and Liverpool, and all extremely funny.

The open forum followed Mr. Maloney, where the delegates had an opportunity to question District and Head Office management.

### EMPLOYEES ANNUAL MEETINGS

#### Mid-Mersey District

26th September 1975  
Esso Motel, Runcorn.

#### Oswestry District

24th October 1975  
Pedigree Hotel,  
Shrewsbury Road,  
Oswestry.

*Book the dates now.*

After the business of the evening it was time to relax, have a drink and a chat, or for the more energetic, dance the rest of the night to the music provided by the records of the R.J. Sound, with disc jockeys Ron Niel and John Drew, from Head Office and Mid-Mersey Districts respectively.



**North Wirral District  
Staff at their Meeting**



## **Awards for Dee Valley District Staff**

Two very pleasant ceremonies were held recently at District Office, Rhostyllen and Head Office, Chester, when members of our Dee Valley District staff received their Long Service Certificates. The District's three senior officers introduced members of their respective departments to Mr. K. Helliwell (Group Manager) who made the presentations.

### **At Rhostyllen . . .**

#### **Engineering Department**

**40 Years:** Messrs. A. Dodd (*mains foreman*), K. Griffiths (*section engineer*), E. Humphreys (*second engineer*) and E. Rogers (*mechanic*).

**30 Years:** Messrs. N. Clarke (*Production Engineer*), I. Evans and T. C. Evans (*2nd engineers*), D. Foulkes (*chargehand jointer*), A. Jones (*2nd engineer*), G. Johnson and R. Williams (*linesmen*).

**25 Years:** Messrs. G. Bennett (*linesman*), K. Coupe (*2nd engineer*), E. T. Corfield (*sub-station fitter*), F. Crump (*jointer*), E. G. Ellis (*foreman fitter*), J. Ellis (*linesman's mate*), K. Evans (*linesman*), J. W. Evans (*linesman's mate*), W. F. Holmes (*draughtsman*), L. Roberts (*labourer*) and H. Williams (*driver/fitter*).

**20 Years:** Messrs. P. Bowen (*switchboard attendant*), J. E. Cartwright and W. Cartwright (*jointers*), A. Conde (*labourer*), B. Crabtree and L. Crosby (*2nd engineers*), F. Cross (*foreman o/h lines*), D. R. Davidson (*2nd engineer*), J. C. Devaney (*jointer*), E. B. Edwards (*labourer*), G. N. Edwards (*sub-*



**Top award men, from left to right: Messrs. J. Walker, K. Griffiths, K. Helliwell (making the presentations), L. Davies, G. Parry, A. Dodd and H. Williams.**

*station fitter*), C. H. England (*2nd engineer*), C. Evans (*linesman*), I. Green (*linesman*), C. R. Hannaby (*substation fitter*), B. J. G. Haynes (*linesman*), P. Houghland (*jointer's mate*), B. W. Hughes (*record draughtsman*), R. Hughes (*linesman*), E. C. James (*2nd engineer*), G. E. Jandrell and D. A. Jones (*labourers*), D. J. Jones (*2nd engineer*), J. J. Jordon (*linesman's mate*), A. Lovell and A. Morris (*linesmen*), J. E. Pemberton (*linesmen's mate*), D. Phillips (*mains foreman*), K. Phillips (*linesman*), S. Phillips (*labourer*), J. W. Pierce (*driver*), H. W. Price (*linesman's mate*), A. Roberts (*driver*), F. Roberts (*switchboard attendant*), G. Roberts (*linesman*), J. D. Roberts (*jointer*), J. S. Roberts (*Systems Engineer*), S. H. Robinson (*linesman's mate*), S. Rowlands (*labourer*), J. R. Tibbot (*linesman*), J. Wagstaff (*records draughtsman*), G. Williams (*switchboard attendant*) and J. H. Williams (*records draughtsman*).

#### **Commercial Department**

**45 Years:** Mr. L. Davies (*2nd engineer*).

**40 Years:** Mr. H. Williams (*installation inspector*).

**30 Years:** Mr. F. Jones (*foreman*).

**25 Years:** Messrs. D. J. Burke and E. Gilpin (*electricians*), D. Owens (*shift electrician*), D. A. Roberts (*installation inspector*) and E. H. L. Webb (*electrician*).

**20 Years:** Messrs. H. A. Beech (*Supply Engineer*),

**Group Manager Mr. Ken Helliwell and District Senior Officers photographed with recipients of 30, 25 and 20-Year Long Service Certificates at the Rhostyllen ceremony.**





D. K. Biggs (*assistant shop supervisor*), W. G. Carlton (*electrician*), F. T. Edwards (*2nd engineer*), C. S. Evans (*District sales supervisor*), J. R. Evans (*electrician*), T. E. Evans (*shop supervisor*), N. E. Hayes and G. B. Jones (*2nd engineers*), R. Parry (*electrician*), C. Roberts (*chargehand electrician*), J. G. Roberts (*electrician*), E. N. Williams (*chargehand installation inspector*), G. Williams (*electrician*) and T. C. Williams (*chargehand electrician*).

#### Administrative Department

**40 Years:** Messrs. G. Parry (*meter-reader supervisor*) and J. H. Walker (*clerical assistant*).

**30 Years:** Messrs. S. L. Colley (*administrative assistant*), C. Jones (*collector, debt control*), G. J. Parry and W. C. Potts (*clerical assistants*).

**25 Years:** Mrs. F. M. Clarke (*chargehand cleaner*), Miss G. T. Edwards (*clerical assistant*), Miss M. E. Jones (*canteen assistant*), Miss L. L. Roberts (*clerical assistant*), and Messrs. S. Jones (*storekeeper*), W. D. Jones and G. Morris (*clerical assistants*), I. Morris (*foreman storekeeper*), T. P. Shell (*District Administrative Officer*), W. E. Thomas (*administrative assistant*) and W. R. Thomas (*storekeeper*).

**20 Years:** Mrs. B. Cunnah and Mrs. B. M. J. Evans (*clerical assistants*), Mrs. J. Jones (*courier*), Mrs. S. Jones (*typist*), Miss J. Mackie, Mrs. B. M. Rider, Miss D. Wallace and Mrs. D. Williams (*clerical assistants*), and Messrs. L. Broadbent (*chargehand meter reader*), J. M. Davies, R. H. Jones and J. Jones (*clerical assistants*), S. T. Kirby, L. Walley and A. Williams (*administrative assistants*).



Due to 'flash' trouble with our photographs at Chester, we only managed to salvage this one print which shows some of the award recipients with Mr. Helliwell, seated centre, and District Officers, Messrs. T. P. Shell, standing left, J. A. Winchester, standing centre, and E. T. Peters, standing right. Our apologies go to those whose pictures did not turn out.

## .. and Chester

#### Engineering Department

**40 Years:** Messrs. G. R. Cotterell (*fitter*) and R. W. Jackson (*labourer*).

**35 Years:** Mr. G. E. Roberts (*linesman*).

**25 Years:** Mr. S. Griffiths (*mains foreman*).

**20 Years:** Messrs. K. G. Burden (*fitter/mechanic*), J. P. Flynn and A. Griffiths (*jointers mates*), M. Howard (*foreman jointer*), F. T. Langton (*jointer*), L. W. Marriot (*jointers mate*), D. Randles (*linesman*), W. A. Roberts and F. C. Spratt (*fitter/mechanics*), and V. W. Thompson (*jointer*).

#### Commercial Department

**45 Years:** Mr. E. A. Bennett (*electrician*).

**40 Years:** Messrs. C. B. Atherton (*electrician*), W. J. Burton and D. C. Hall (*installation inspectors*), F. S. Massey (*electrician*) and J. E. Taylor (*installation inspector*).

**30 Years:** Messrs. R. F. Hood (*electrician*), H. D. Jones (*installation inspector*) and J. Stubbs (*electrician*).

**25 Years:** Messrs. F. C. Baker (*electrician*), H. B. Powell (*installation inspector*) and H. Thomas (*shop cashier*).

**20 Years:** Messrs. C. T. Bentley (*electrician*), C. Bowyer (*installation inspector*), J. M. Cooksey, A. Corker and R. J. Harrison (*electricians*), M. T. Hughes (*public lighting attendant*), K. Humphreys and W. Roberts (*electricians*), B. Shields (*installation inspector*), R. Strange (*sales representative*) and G. Swift (*electrician*).

#### Administrative Department

**40 Years:** Messrs. E. Blackburn (*meter reading supervisor*) and N. Tushingham (*work study assistant*).

**25 Years:** Messrs. C. T. Andrews (*meter reader/collector*) and E. W. Davies (*meter reader*).

**20 Years:** Messrs. W. H. Clegg and H. Jenkins (*meter reader/collectors*) and C. McNally (*clerical assistant*).

# MANWEB HELP FASHION FIRM

## *Lighting and Heating*

WHEN Len Davies left the tiny Mid-Wales town of Llanidloes at the age of 16 years he did so because work prospects there were virtually nil. He headed for London with its promise of opportunity.

And 18 years later he came back to Llanidloes . . . a successful businessman in the leatherwear industry wanting to open a factory in the town where people were facing serious unemployment because of a cut back in the local tannery industry.

The factory has been a big success and now employs nearly 70 people. So Llanidloes has a lot to thank Len for—and he in turn readily admits to having benefitted from the service of MANWEB's Oswestry District.

For when Cambrian Fashions factory was first started two years ago to make leather jackets and skirts he called on MANWEB, with its reputation for reliability and cost sensitivity, to handle the contracting work.

Energy sales engineer John Walker followed this up by advising the firm—a large part of its output goes to mail order firms and for export—on the correct type of heating for the premises.

Leather is of course sensitive to harsh changes in temperature but staff comfort was uppermost in the minds of the directors. So John suggested Electricaire heating.

His idea was accepted and the installation completed—but then came a problem. The return air system was drawing in particles of dust left in the air from the cutting stage. These were burning out on the heater coil and causing a bad smell. John arranged for the fitting of special filters and the problem sweetened itself out.

Cambrian Fashions soon needed to expand and again John was asked for advice on the lighting levels in the new cutting and matching room.

Said Len Davies: *'We needed the best possible lighting to match the colouring of different leathers which varied even in reaction to a set colour of dye.'*

Now Cambrian Fashions plans to open a new factory in Rhayader and wants Electricity Board



*Above: Mr. Len Davies, left, discussing leather with his production manager.*

*Below: Mr. John Walker watches a leather jacket being machined. In the background is an Electricaire unit with the special return-air filter.*



help. That town comes in the South Wales Board area and full information about the development has been passed on by our Oswestry Commercial team.

"We've done this because of the excellent service and advice given to us by MANWEB," said Len. "The Area Board are organisations in which business can trust. Their reputation for customer satisfaction has already been proved . . . and I am sure they will continue to live up to it.

"We chose MANWEB in the first instance because of this very thing—the speed and neatness of their work and the reliability of equipment suggested. It's a decision I have not had cause to regret."



In the cutting and matching room a piece of leather is inspected beneath the high quality colour-corrected fluorescent lighting installation

## PUBLIC SPEAKERS



Former Group Manager Mr. Harry Telfer congratulates Miss Florence Sweeney on her winning the Women's Section of the MANWEB Area Public Speaking Competition. Also in the picture, from left to right: Mr. R. E. Halliwell (judge), Miss Judith Baybutt, Miss Lynette Kemp and Mr. S. G. Griffiths (judge).



Winner of the Men's Section, Mr. John A. Walker congratulated by Miss R. V. Mooney (judge) and watched by Malcolm Arthur (2nd) and David Makin (3rd).

Unsuccessful this year but we hope to see them again next year. From left to right: Messrs. Terry Clarke, David Edge, Peter Brady, Julian Jenkins, Robert Buckingham and Bryan Marriott. One who missed the picture was Phil Burrows.



# Long Service Awards North Mersey



After receiving their 45-Year Certificates we see Messrs. F. W. Ball, left, and S. B. Jones with Mrs. Ball.

## Engineering Department

- 45 Years: Mr. S. B. Jones.
- 40 Years: Messrs. H. A. Jones, W. Osbaldeston and C. Upton.
- 35 Years: Mr. A. E. Johnson.
- 30 Years: Mr. G. Woodward.
- 20 Years: Messrs. J. A. Bell, A. Brown, E. Callan, T. J. Kelly, J. Kelly, F. Lee, J. Lee, C. Musker, T. Owens, J. Rimmer, T. Smith, F. Tomlinson and J. G. Williams.

## Administration Department

- 40 Years: Messrs. J. F. Graham-Glover, W. G. Parker, H. W. Pope and G. Unsworth.
- 35 Years: Miss N. B. Black and Messrs. E. Capp and E. P. Morris.
- 30 Years: Miss J. Abrahams, Miss I. Leyland, Miss C. McDonough, Messrs. G. K. Lawson and G. Lawrie.
- 25 Years: Miss D. Brewster and Mr. R. A. Charnock.
- 20 Years: Mrs. C. J. Rugen, Messrs. E. Davies, J. J. Jones, T. G. Jones, J. Kelly, R. King, H. Reynolds, G. Richardson, L. Rigby and C. Weaver.



Above: Some 20-Year men from the Engineering Department and their guests, from left to right: Messrs. T. Smith, T. Owens, J. A. Bell, E. Callan and his daughter Mrs. T. Kirkham, Mr. J. Lee and his wife.

Below: A group of 40-Year men, from left to right: Messrs. T. H. Burt, R. N. Moore, E. Clay, D. St.C. Barrie W. J. Osbaldeston, W. G. Parker, H. W. Pope, J. F. Graham-Glover and C. Upton.



### Commercial Department

**45 Years:** Messrs. F. W. Ball and A. Williams.

**40 Years:** Messrs. D. St.C. Barrie, T. H. Burt, E. Clay, R. N. Moore and J. R. Rawes.

**35 Years:** Messrs. A. W. Briscoe, K. A. Holland, S. J. Holt and S. Owen.

**30 Years:** Mrs. I. Butterfield, Messrs. W. H. Aindow, C. G. Hanson, W. H. Isaacs, F. N. McHugh and

H. Rimmer.

**25 Years:** Miss E. Jackson.

**20 Years:** Messrs. L. Appleton, A. Bent, H. Cooper, A. H. Evans, R. Fallows, C. Fielding, R. W. Harley, G. C. Heaton, L. Jackson, B. King, I. D. Ledson, K. R. Roughley, A. Runciman, R. A. Schollick, K. Stewart and E. J. Willan.



*Above:* Award recipients from the Administrative staff with their wives and joined by Mr. E. Lee, third from left, L.A.C. representative. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Morris, left, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Capp, centre, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Rigby, right.

*Below:* Commercial staff, a couple with their wives, pictured after the ceremony. From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. R. Fallows, Messrs. K. A. Holland, C. G. Hansen, E. J. Willan and Mrs. and Mr. A. Briscoe.



*Below:* Another happy group at the North Mersey District presentation ceremony, from left to right: Mrs. and Mr. A. Brown, Mr. G. Laurie, Miss C. McDonough, Mrs. and Mr. W. H. Isaacs, Mrs. J. G. Williams, Mr. M. Donaldson (steward), Mrs. & Mr. T. Kelly, Mr. J. Williams, Mrs. & Mr. F. Lee, Mr. F. Tomlinson.



# RETIREMENTS

Miss L. F. BARLOW

Replying to the good wishes from her many friends and colleagues at Head Office on the occasion of her retirement, higher clerical assistant Miss Leslie Fairbairn Barlow after thanking them for their kindness said, "*Time has gone so quickly, yet sometimes I didn't think I was going to make it!*"

Leslie however, did finally make it after nearly 44 years in our industry, all of this time working on the Revenue side of accounts. She started work in July 1931 with the Liverpool Corporation Electric Supply Department at Derby House where she was a section head for many years.

A few friends from those early days, Vera Henderson, Dorothy Mutch and Kath Davies joined the large gathering of her present day colleagues to hear Mr. G. G. Barnes (*Assistant Chief Accountant—Revenue*) pay tribute to Leslie's long and loyal service.

He said that looking at the length of her service that some of those present had not really started work yet! "*We are very sorry to lose her,*" he continued, "*but her loyalty to her employers over such a long period deserves much happiness in retirement.*" Then, on behalf of the staff, he made a token presentation of a radio in lieu of the many gifts to be handed over.

Leslie, a keen outdoor girl, enjoys walking and a spot of gardening. We hope that she will continue to enjoy these things for many years to come in her well-earned retirement.

Accounts staff at Head Office gather round as Mr. Barnes presents Miss Leslie Barlow with a token gift on the eve of her retirement.



Mr. KEN MASON

After a lifetime of service to the electricity supply industry Mr. Ken Mason (*2nd assistant engineer—Commercial Supply*) has prematurely retired from our Mid-Cheshire District on health grounds.

"Kegger"—as he is affectionately known to his friends and workmates—joined a local Crewe firm as an electrician after serving his apprenticeship, leaving for service with the 4th Airborne Division in 1940. His war service included D-Day landing on the Normandy beaches. After the war he joined Crewe Corporation, first as electrician and later as chargehand, transferring to MANWEB on nationalisation.

He quickly moved to Sandbach as commercial assistant, and devoted much of his spare time to helping the local Leonard Cheshire Home. With re-organisation Ken moved to the new District Office, taking charge of all minor repair work, and subsequently being appointed to his present post. His many friends are sorry that health reasons have dictated his retirement, and extend their good wishes for a long and happy retirement. On their behalf he was presented with a portable typewriter.

Mr. F. T. SHORTRIDGE

After 46 years service to the electricity supply industry Mr. Fred Shortridge, a storekeeper at Colwyn Bay, has retired. On behalf of his many friends made over the years he was presented with an electric drill by Mr. G. D. Cooksley (*D.A.O. Chwyd*).

Fred began in 1929 as a trainee switchboard attendant with the Llandudno Urban District Council's electricity department, working at the

generating station at Cwm Road, Llandudno.

After the Llandudno and Colwyn Bay electric tramways ceased operating in 1956 the generating station became a substation, and Fred became a substation attendant and later a storekeeper.

At one time he was a keen radio 'ham,' but now spends more of his time watching birds (feathered variety!). His colleagues wish him a long and happy retirement.

#### Mr. G. WOOD

Ill health, after 45 years' service in the industry, brought about the premature retirement recently of Mr. George Wood, an electrician working from our depot in Lock Street, Northwich.

In his honour, a farewell supper was organised at the British Legion Club, Sandiway, where, on behalf of his many friends and workmates, he was presented with a silver gallery tray, goblets and a bottle of whisky by Mr. T. W. Cash (*Production Engineer*).



A farewell drink with, from left to right: Messrs. T. W. Cash, George Wood, C. P. Booth (*retired District Senior Clerk*) and F. Green (*retired Contracting Engineer*).

## == HOLIDAYS ==

**ABERYSTWYTH** — Self-contained flat overlooking Bay. Sleeps up to six. Kitchenette, lounge, TV. Parking space, room for young children to play in safety. Provide own linen. Slot meter for electricity, hot water free. Deep sea fishing trips arranged. Free babysitting service can be arranged. 'Phone Aberystwyth 7466.

**PORTHMADOG**—six-berth all-electric caravan on luxury site at Black Rock Sands. Shop, club, ballroom, children's playground showers. Near golf course. 'Phone Porthmadog 2834.

**SOUTHPORT**—Bed and breakfast. Terms reasonable, accommodation comfortable. Write: Mrs. M. Guppy, 71 Clifton Road, Southport, Merseyside.

**PENRHOS**—between Pwllheli and Abersoch, six berth caravan. Mains water and electricity. Phone 051-648 3701.

**ABERSOCH**—4 and 6 berth caravan available to September. Mains water and sea view both vans. Write T. J. Hill, 283 Peter Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

**CORNWALL**—village near Falmouth, modern bungalow, car space, b/b, terms moderate. Write: N. Barnes, 4 Beechfield Ave., Flixton, Manchester, Lancs.

**LLANDULAS**—Four-berth caravan, sea view, two minutes from beach. Write: Mrs. L. M. Morris, 179 Huddersfield Road, Diggle, Oldham OL3 5NU.

**PRESTATYN**—six berth caravan. Mains electricity, hot and cold water, flush toilets. Phone Wrexham 52131 (after 6.0 p.m.)

**MORECAMBE**—six berth caravan on Westgate caravan park, all amenities. Write: M. Turner, 10 Barnes Road, Morecambe, Lancs.

**MORECAMBE**—1972 six berth caravan. Regent Caravan Site. All club amenities, within easy reach of sea and shops. Write: F. Schofield, 59 Bare Lane, Morecambe, Lancs.

**NEW MILTON, HANTS**—six berth caravan. Electricity, flush toilet, on superior site New Forest area. Three miles from sea. Write: J. M. Allen, 7 Sandringham Drive, Greenmount, Bury, Lancs.

**SANDY BAY, Exmouth, Devon**—six berth caravan to let, fully equipped except linen, in superb caravan park with all amenities. Wonderful views of bay, long sandy beaches. Contact Mrs. Evans, 3 Drays Court, Polsloe Road, Exeter.

**WESTWARD HO!**—Holiday bungalow overlooking the bay and sands, adjacent sea front. Sleeps 6. Bathroom, toilet, etc., TV, all-electric, free parking. S.a.e. brochure: Mrs. Witcombe, Coppins, Beechwood Close, Sticklepath, Barnstaple, Devon.

**NORTH DEVON**—Single four berth caravan. Farm site. All amenities. S.a.e. Vanstone, Woodwall, Frithelstock, Torrington.

**HARLYN & MOTHER IVY'S BAY**—Nr. Padstow, Cornwall. Superb Kingsize caravans to let. Quiet sites. Flush toilets, shop showers. Safe sandy beaches. Scenic cliff walks. Swimming, surfing, sailing, fishing, golf and riding. S.a.e. 29 Southwell Road, Plymouth, Devon.

**FURNISHED HOUSE**—sleep 7, overlooking tidal creek. For details apply Les Jenner, 26 Trelawne Road, Carnon Downs, Truro, Cornwall.



Some of Clwyd District's Long Service men who recently received their Certificates.

## Mr. Helliwell presents Clwyd District Long Service Certificates

**45 years:** Goronwy Hughes, Arthur R. Thornley.

**40 years:** Mrs. Mabel Bowen, G. H. Bowen, B. G. Baxter, G. D. Cooksley, L. Griffiths, Leonard Hughes, L. H. Jones, A. K. Jones, T. R. Jones, J. C. Jones, Charles Kirkman, J. Lonsdale, R. Grenville Roberts, F. T. Shortridge, Wilfred Taylor, W. E. Williams.

**35 years:** E. L. Davies, George Perkins, J. H. Pomeroy.

**30 years:** A. M. Birtles, J. T. Davies, H. E. Davies, Morris Evans, John Hogg, W. H. Hughes, Thomas Lee, B. C. Mudd, Lyn Price, E. A. Roberts, B. M. Thomas, Raymond Walley, P. C. Williams.

**25 years:** J. Antrobus, W. D. Brown, J. P. Evans, J. Selwyn Evans, J. I. Green, Keith Griffiths, G. B. Goss, R. S. Goodhand, Thomas Hayes, R. Hewitt, Percy M. Horsley, S. L. Jackson, M. I. Jones, C. Johnson, R. T. Jones, Howell Jones, J. Ll. Lunt, E. Lennard, C. E. Parry, J. H. Payne, G. L. Roberts, W. Seanor, A. H. Spargo, R. Smith, A. J. Thompson, W. Trevor Williams, Edward Wynne, John Wilshaw, D. E. Young.

**20 years:** L. J. Adams, G. E. Allsup, W. J. Astbury, Denis Atkinson, Frank Brown, Ronald Carter,

Miss W. M. Chapman, G. Dallolio, E. J. Davies, J. T. Davies, Miss M. F. Davies, R. K. Davies, R. T. Davies, Stanley Davies, T. H. Davies, A. A. Easton, C. M. Edwards, E. J. Edwards, G. T. Evans, M. H. Evans, Richard Evans, T. J. Evans, T. A. Everley, Mrs. N. E. Gardner, G. H. Goodband, Brian Griffiths, H. Hambley, I. Hayes, A. Winston Hughes, D. T. Hughes, I. T. Hughes, J. L. Hughes, Trevor Hughes, W. A. Hughes, W. Glyn Hughes, G. E. Jackson, Austin Jones, D. A. L. Jones, G. M. Jones, Hugh Jones, J. C. Jones, Leonard Jones (Rhyl Mains), Leonard Jones (Ruthin Mains), R. B. Jones, R. H. Jones, R. N. Jones, T. Alun Jones, Walter Jones, H. M. Kearsley, F. E. Keen, K. Lloyd, A. C. MacDonald, A. L. Manfredi, D. R. Mellor, T. E. Moores, Harold Owen, K. T. Povah, J. W. A. Pritchard, D. O. Roberts, Emyr Roberts, Eric Roberts, E. I. Roberts, H. P. Roberts, T. C. Roberts, A. H. Rogers, J. W. Roose, Brian Royles, W. D. Shreeve, W. Silvey, W. Simon, George Simpson, A. N. Smith, Stanley Snape, W. Sutherland, S. V. Taylor, S. Vagnarelli, Raymond Valentine, Noel Walley, N. Whitworth, F. R. Williams, Jeremiah Williams, Reg Williams, T. R. Williams, Eric Woollam.

OUR COVER PICTURE shows Group Manager Mr. Kenneth Helliwell, *left*, presenting 40-Year Certificates to Mabel and George Bowen the man and wife team from our Clwyd District.

More Clwyd District staff who received Long Service Awards.

