

MANWEB GAZETTE

Welcome to . . . the following employees:

Head Office: Miss M. M. Trick (machine operator), Mrs. M. Mulvey (typist) and Mr. R. Edwards (silk screen operator).

Area 1, Office: Miss P. O'Brien, Miss J. Spiers, Mrs. V. Hughes, Mrs. D. Murphy and Mrs. B. Williams (clerks), Messrs. D. Evans (messenger), E. P. Hough (temporary clerk), C. McIlvenna (fitter), C. Oldfield (general assistant engineer), H. D. J. Pickering (driver), J. P. Spring (messenger), P. C. Tharme (general assistant engineer), J. H. Turner (mechanical fitter) and W. Woodward (temporary clerk). **Central District:** Mrs. K. Hardman (part-time saleswoman). **North District:** Miss L. Gee (typist), Mrs. E. J. Johnson (office cleaner), Messrs. M. J. Denton (electrician), F. Fernie (labourer), J. R. Hughes and F. T. Jones (electricians), P. Kennaugh (labourer), R. Morton (electrician), E. R. Osbourne (assistant storekeeper), J. Sands (labourer), R. Tilleke and R. C. Treanor (electricians). **South District:** Mrs. M. Sweeney (cleaner) and Mr. G. Ball (labourer). **Southport District:** Mrs. S. Briscoe (temporary saleswoman).

Area 2/3 Office: Misses J. R. Davies and S. W. Davies (clerks), Miss R. W. Jones (trainee machine operator), Miss C. A. Matthews (typist), Mrs. A. Riley (machine operator), Mrs. E. Rhodes (typist) and Mr. L. J. Forbes (clerk). **St. Helens District:** Mr. K. Oates (clerk). **Warrington District:** Miss M. Furnival (records draughtswoman). **Runcorn District:** Messrs. M. C. Coll (labourer), A. Stanley (meter reader), W. S. Sutton (junior labourer) and H. Tomlinson (labourer). **Northwich District:** Messrs. J. M. Broadhurst (clerk), P. Clough, W. Capper and K. Trotman (labourers). **Chester District:** Messrs. E. Giradi and R. F. Graves (labourers), and R. C. Lanceley (public lighting attendant). **North Wirral District:** Miss M. P. Kelly (saleswoman), Mrs. K. M. Physick (part-time saleswoman), Messrs. V. Harris (labourer), E. McGrath (messenger), W. A. Thompson (labourer) and B. K. Wilde (salesman).

Area 4 Office: Miss M. C. Haycocks (junior clerk), Miss M. P. Jones (typist), Miss R. Kendrick (junior clerk), Miss J. Williams (typist), Miss S. C. Wynn and Mr. A. J. Peate (junior clerks). **Crewe District:** Miss C. A. Boughey (trainee sales demonstrator). **Oswestry District:** Miss H. C. Pritchard (junior clerk). **Clwyd District:** Mrs. C. Cooper (typist/telephonist), Mrs. E. V. Fenlon (part-time trainee saleswoman) and Mr. G. P. Crocker (junior clerk).

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

Area 1: Central District: Mr. W. J. Beare (shift electrician). **South District:** Messrs. J. Bradley and R. J. Cochrane (jointer's mates), P. Heron (shift electrician), W. G. Mottram and H. J.

Ellison (jointer's mates). **Southport District:** Messrs. J. Ashcroft and C. Reid (electricians).

Area 2/3 Office: Miss C. A. Owens, Mrs. J. O. Owens and Mr. E. Lamb (assistants—revenue), and Mr. P. W. Swann (display assistant). **St. Helens District:** Messrs. W. Crook, A. J. Rodgers and A. Webster (jointer's mates). **Warrington District:** Messrs. E. Barnett (electrician) and G. Orford (meter fixer). **Runcorn District:** Messrs. J. R. Antrobus (foreman meter reader/collector) and R. Atherton (electrician). **Northwich District:** Messrs. G. J. Bates (electrical fitter), G. Edwards (meter reader) and J. M. Whalley (first assistant district commercial engineer). **Chester District:** Mr. S. Wright (foreman electrical fitter). **North Wirral District:** Messrs. R. Benson (sub-station attendant), G. Bowers (District Commercial Engineer), J. Eastwood (storekeeper), E. C. James (assistant section engineer) and G. E. Lancaster (section engineer). **Area 4 Office:** Mr. D. Hughes (assistant—costs). **Wrexham District:** Messrs. D. T. Condliffe (assistant consumer's engineer) and J. W. Forrester (1st assistant district commercial engineer). **Oswestry District:** Messrs. G. E. Davies (storekeeper) and B. E. Johnson (linesman's mate). **Clwyd District:** T. E. Davies (linesman).

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

Head Office: Miss E. Ainsworth (dark room operator), Miss C. Aspinall (junior machine operator), Messrs. L. J. Conlon (records draughtsman) and T. L. Smith (assistant—internal audit). **Area 1 Office:** Messrs. A. R. Boyes and J. Buckley (meter test assistants), J. R. Skillicorn (painter) and W. O. Williams (workshop foreman). **Central District:** Messrs. H. J. Fraser (District Commercial Engineer), and A. H. Hind (electrician). **North District:** Mr. G. Ashworth (sub-station attendant). **South District:** D. Gaskill (labourer).

Area 2/3: Northwich District: Mr. J. Messham (electrician). **Warrington District:** Messrs. H. Lloyd (chargehand electrician) and S. Taylor (electrician). **Chester District:** Messrs. A. Crowe (installation inspector), J. R. Povey (labourer) and P. Stuart (fitter/chauffeur). **North Wirral District:** Mr. H. Gascoigne (assistant—cash).

Area 4: Clwyd District: Mr. E. J. Davies (labourer). **Aberystwyth District:** Mr. A. J. Gittings (jointer). **Anglesey District:** Messrs. T. O. Jones and H. J. K. Williams (labourers).

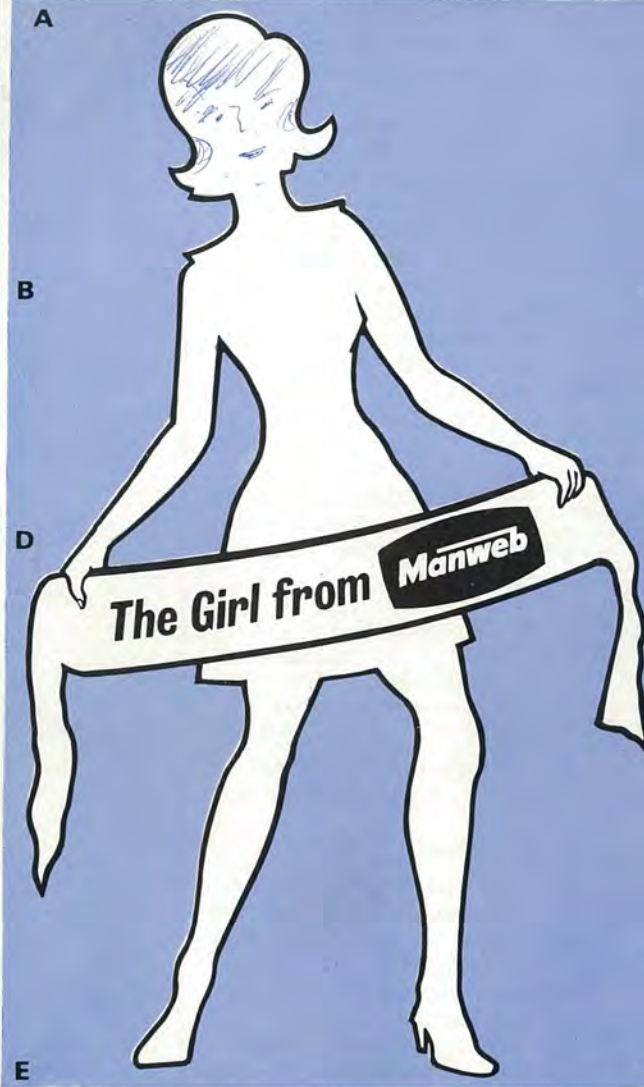
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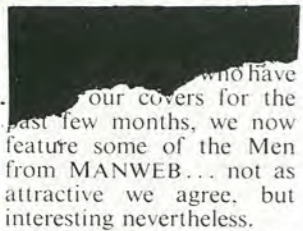
We regret to report the death of the following members of the staff: Mr. E. Davies, who was a meter mechanic at the Legacy Meter Test Depot Mr. Dennis A. Grace, aged 20, one of our apprentice electricians employed by the Warrington District; Mr. Hodgeson, who worked for the St. Helens District as a meter fixer; Mr. E. Rands, retired Chief Accounts Clerk at Area 4; Mr. J. Stephens, a labourer for the Central District Engineering Department of Area 1.



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who have our covers for the past few months, we now feature some of the Men from MANWEB... not as attractive we agree, but interesting nevertheless.

The three members of the Liverpool Central District contracting staff are working on an installation at Brunnings Advertising Limited, the Board's Advertising Agents, who were responsible with our own Commercial Department for publicising the slogan "Bring in the Man from MANWEB".

Some time ago, the agency staff found that the fuse box was overheating, so they practised what they preached and brought in the men from Manweb. Our electricians found that a succession of Heath Robinson followers had previously added sockets and fuse boxes anywhere and everywhere.

Our men soon got to work first of all to convert the supply to three-phase, and then set about tracing and altering the existing wiring. When all was made safe with none of the circuits in danger of overloading, a new fuse box was fixed in position.

Mr. J. D. Smith, a Director of the Agency, said, "The men have tackled a long and complicated job and I am delighted with their work. They have certainly confirmed to me the value of MANWEB's contracting service."

Our cover picture shows the men concerned who were, in descending order, William G. Thornhill (apprentice electrician), Alan Evans (electrician) and Roy...

They Never Give Up!

The hoary old fairy story that nationalised industries and public services always send twenty men to do one man's job, or send twenty copies of the same form, always makes good abusive ammunition when material to fill the popular papers is on the scarce side.

There are signs, however, that the bottom of the barrel is reaching the stage of being well and truly scraped in this direction.

Without further comment we reproduce below a cutting from the *Liverpool Daily Post*, together with (left) the story in last month's *Contact* which gave rise to the paragraph below.

◀ "Contact" October 1967

▼ "Liverpool Daily Post" 3rd November 1967

Triplets

The advertising agency responsible for publicising the slogan "Bring in the Man from M.A.N.W.E.B.," recently had some trouble with their own installation.

Naturally, they practised what they preached... but instead of the Man from M.A.N.W.E.B. three arrived.

No sign yet, however, of them altering the slogan to "Bring in the Men from M.A.N.W.E.B."



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EDITORIAL

Public Servants

ANYBODY who sets out to serve his fellow men sticks his neck out. From the start his motives may be suspect. There are those who will say he is "in it for what he can get out of it". Some may think he is working his ticket for a soft life hereafter. Amateur psychologists may hint darkly of early repressions.

Everyone who works for MANWEB is a public servant in his working life. Some—perhaps the lucky ones—are not in direct contact with the public. Others never get away from them. Meter readers and electricians see them in their own homes. Shop staffs meet them when they sally forth to buy appliances or pay accounts. Others among our colleagues meet them on all kinds of different occasions.

It takes a double dose of courage, therefore, for a member of the MANWEB staff to offer his or her services to the public in yet another way. In this edition of *Contact* we feature a number of our colleagues who have done just this, and been accepted—people who are now serving on various local Councils throughout the Board's area.

People of all kinds of different political persuasions are found among them, but the willingness to serve in this way, with the attendant calls of various essential Committees, is a quality far above political conviction, demanding as it does spare time and energy which most people prefer to devote to their personal recreations and hobbies.

On our behalf, and that of the public, they are deserving of sincere thanks and congratulations.

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**Heswall Shop at
23 Pensby Road**



Snapped at the new Heswall Shop, from left to right: Mr. G. Harris (service electrician), Mr. B. Griffiths (salesman, in charge), Mrs. E. Wilson (saleswoman) and Mr. L. Hartley (stock checker).

New Shop Premises at Heswall

Just before the lease of our Shop at 178 Telegraph Road, Heswall, expired, new premises in the next road became vacant. This being in a busy area, the Board decided to take over the shop which was ideal for our purposes having previously been trading as a radio and television dealers. The only reconstruction which had to be done was the laying of a new floor.

Then the Shop was made ready with MANWEB's usual tasteful style of decorations and the new illuminated fascia sign in position, and the doors were opened to the public on October 30th. In the first couple of weeks, the trading figures showed an upward trend.

An interior view of the well-stocked and neatly laid out Shop.



PUBLIC SERVICE

Editorial comment in this edition refers to the members of the MANWEB staff who devote a great deal of time and energy to serving their fellow men. As a tribute to them and in recognition of their work, the following pages are devoted to them.

Ladies First



Mrs. R. Dean

Mrs. R. DEAN

As far as we can ascertain, Mrs. Ruth Dean is the only female member of the MANWEB staff who is active in local government work. She is at present a representative of the Conservative Party for the Picton Ward in Liverpool, having been a member of the Council since January, 1960. Mrs. Dean is a member of the Housing Committee and the Parks and Gardens Committee and is the Deputy Chairman for the Baths and Laundries Committee. Although not tied in with any particular organisation, she is keenly interested in the welfare of the senior citizens.

Mrs. Dean is a very busy woman with a full life. In addition to her public service with the Liverpool City Council, she also works as a saleswoman at the Board's Shop at Kirkby St. Chads. At home, she has a husband, who is in the licensing trade, a daughter Barbara, who is 23, and a son Richard, who at 15 is still at school. Her favourite hobby is cooking, preferably Chinese dishes and Indian curries.

Mr. A. BAKER

A man with over 42 years' service in the electricity supply industry and at present working as an assistant in the Accounts Department at Derby House, is Mr. Arthur Baker. He also has many years of service to the community in other directions being a member of the Merseyside Hospitals Council (Inc.), a member of the United Voluntary Organisations Council and Secretary to the Bootle Conservative and Unionist Party.

This might be enough for many men, but Mr. Baker has also found the time to serve as the Conservative Party representative for the Netherton Ward in the County Borough of Bootle. In this capacity he is a member of the Health, Fire Brigade, Licensing, Education and Transport Committees and is the Chairman of the Netherton Development Committee.

In addition to his daily job at Area 1 Accounts, Mr. Baker holds the position as Honorary Secretary for the Area 1 National Savings Group, is an executive of the Nalگو, Liverpool and



Mr. A. Baker

District Electricity Committee and a member of the District Council of Nalگو. He also serves as a member of the Staff Committee (and is a past Chairman) and is now Vice-Chairman of the Local Advisory Committee.

As well as giving all this time to helping others, Mr. Baker also finds those few free moments at regular intervals when he can go along and give a pint of his blood to the transfusion service.

Mr. Baker is happily married and has three sons.

Mr. R. F. HENDERSON

As the leader of the Liverpool Protestant Party, Mr. Ronald Frederick Henderson serves on



Mr. R. F. Henderson

the Liverpool City Council as a representative for the St. Domingo Ward. He was first elected in 1961 and served until 1964—returning a year later and is still going strong. He serves on the General Purposes Committee, the Housing Committee and the Central Purchasing Committee.

Mr. Henderson has been active in politics for as long as he can remember and was an election agent for his party before standing as a candidate.

He has had a deep interest in public work in Liverpool since the 1930's, and has held the post as Secretary of the Protestant Reformers Church for the past 30 years.

He joined the Electricity Supply Industry in 1936 when he started work as a clerk in the meter section at Hatton Garden. He is now a senior assistant with the Sales and Service Section in the Liverpool South District. Mr. Henderson is a strong union man and helped to organise the Liverpool and District Electricity Branch of Nalگو. He was the first Branch Secretary, a post he held for 14 years, and at present he is the Branch Chairman. He has served on the National Executive Council of Nalگو and is at the present time a member of its National Electricity Committee. He is also a member of the National Joint Council for the Electricity Supply Industry (Admin. and Clerical Grades) and its negotiating committee. He was recently presented with a book on the history of Nalگو in recognition of his services to the Union.

Mr. C. J. KINRADE

A salesman with MANWEB in the Liverpool South District, Mr. Clifford J. Kinrade first entered the political arena three years ago when he helped out at election time. In March, 1966 he became Chairman of the Picton Ward Conservative Association and in November of the same year he was nominated as the



Mr. C. J. Kinrade

prospective candidate to fight in the next local government election. Just about eight months ago, he won the seat to become the third Conservative member for the Picton Ward.

Mr. Kinrade joined the Board in 1954 as a clerk at Lister Drive, five years later he went to work in the shops—first at Speke and later at Garston.

As a Councillor on the Liverpool City Council, Mr. Kinrade serves on the Education Committee and the Highways Committee—the latter also incorporates the Street Lighting Committee. He is keenly interested in Youth and Boys' Clubs. He is a member of the Conservative Political Centre and serves on the committee of the Electricity Supply Football Club.

Mr. B. J. MAGUIRE

After having represented the Conservative Party on the Wirral Urban District Council, Mr. Bernard J. Maguire moved to West Kirby and was recently elected to serve as a party member for the Park Ward on the Hoylake Urban District Council.

He is already a member of a number of committees, namely the Parks and Foreshores, Estates and Housing, Works and Improvements and the Finance and General Purposes Committees. He also repres-



Mr. B. J. Maguire

ents the Hoylake U.D.C. on the Deeside Divisional Health Committee.

Mr. Maguire has many community interests and serves as Chairman of the West Kirby and District Committee of the British Empire Cancer Campaign; Chairman of the Heswall Girls' Club; Secretary of the Men's Branch of the West Kirby Conservative Association; a member of the Wirral Conservative Association Divisional Council, and is a member of both Hoylake and Heswall Councils of Social Service.

Each day he travels to Derby House where he works as a clerk in the Area 1 Accounts Department. He has been with the supply industry in Liverpool since 1932.

Mr. Maguire is married and he and his wife Grace have a married son and two married daughters and four grandchildren.

Mr. F. Y. MOLYNEUX

A man comparatively new to local government work is Mr. Frank Y. Molyneux, the District Senior Clerk for our Liverpool Central District, for it was only last May that he was elected as the Conservative councillor for the Stanley Ward of Bootle.

He was put to work right away and now serves on the Education Committee, the Children's Committee, the Works Committee and the Parliamentary Committee.



Mr. F. Y. Molyneux

Mr. Molyneux has been with the electricity supply industry since 1933, working for all of this time in Liverpool. During the war years he served with the Royal Navy having various jobs at sea and in the Far East, until he finished up as the Chief Writer in charge of the pay office at a Naval Air Station.

A bachelor, Mr. Molyneux is very fond of cooking with preference for the fancy rather than the routine, and of course he is just as fond of the results. He is also a keen Scout and has been for over 35 years. He holds the Silver Acorn decoration for exceptional services rendered to the Scout Movement and is at present responsible for the training of all adult leaders in the Liverpool Scout County.

Mr. H. DAVIES

Although not serving as a Councillor—yet, Mr. H. (Bert) Davies is quite active in the service of the public in more ways than one. He is the man behind the political scene, especially in the Picton Ward of Liverpool, and is also the Supervisor for the new MANWEB Shop to be opened in the St. John's Precinct, Liverpool.

In local government, Mr. Davies spends quite a lot of his spare time as Conservative agent for the Picton Ward, where, since he took on the job in 1965, he has steered three people to Council seats. His first success was when he had Mrs. Ruth



Mr. H. Davies

Dean elected in 1965. In the following year he was the agent for Dr. J. Hobday (who contested Mr. Harold Wilson for the Huyton constituency in the General Election) and again scored a local government success. His number three was Mr. C. Kinrade, whose story we have just told.

Mr. Davies, who is now patiently waiting for the opening of the new Liverpool Shop, joined the Board some 18 years ago as a clerk in the Sales and Service Department at Hatton Garden. Eight years ago, on the same day as Mr. Kinrade, he joined the Shop staff.

He finds great pleasure in public service . . . both for MANWEB and in the political field. He is still single ("and happy"—his quote). His family, he says, consists of a Pyrenean mountain dog called "Kim".

Mr. Davies likes reading, especially history and economics and is also fond of gardening, specialising in roses. He enjoys a visit to the theatre and finds great satisfaction in working for any charitable cause. He once raised £20 for a packet of cigarettes in aid of the Aberfan Fund.

His sister, Mrs. Valerie Ford, is a senior saleswoman at the Board's Shop at West Kirby.

Mr. W. R. COPEMAN

Our engineering draughtsman at Sandiway House, Mr. William Rylands Copeman was recently



Mr. W. R. Copeman

elected to serve on the Northwich Rural District Council as the representative for Marton Parish. He has been a member of the Marton Parish Council for the past ten years and until recently he was the Chairman of the Whitegate Recreation Committee.

Soon after leaving school in 1937, Mr. Copeman joined the Mid-Cheshire Electricity Supply Company and just over ten years later, transferred to MANWEB.

He is married and outnumbered with his three daughters.

Mr. J. E. EVANS

Born and educated in Birkenhead, Mr. John E. Evans, our District Senior Clerk in the North Wirral District, has served the electricity supply industry for nearly 40 years.

He has also served the citizens of Birkenhead, particularly those living in the Claughton Ward, as a Liberal on the Town Council since 1964. He is the present Chairman of the Birkenhead Liberal Association.

Mr. Evans has carried out a considerable amount of welfare work among the older people in the Town, and at the other end of the age scale, he has a keen interest in youth work, having visited a number of European countries in charge of groups of young people as part of an International Exchange Programme. Earlier this year he was appointed as a Justice of the Peace.



Mr. J. E. Evans

Still a very keen sportsman, in his younger days, Mr. Evans played football, cricket and tennis for local clubs and for the Electricity Department. He has represented Birkenhead Nalgo in the inter-town tennis tournaments.

During the last war he served with the Electricity Works Home Guard Unit, prior to joining H.M. Forces and seeing service in Normandy and the North West European campaign.

Another of his interests is singing and is Secretary of the Aeolian Male Voice Choir, Birkenhead. His fine baritone voice has earned him a gold medal at the Liverpool Festival and many other trophies at the Eisteddfodau and other musical festivals.

He is an active committee man, as a councillor serving on the Health Committee, the Parks and Gardens Committee, the Welfare Committee and on the Home Safety Committee. With the Board he serves as Secretary to the Local Advisory Committee and the No. 10 Works Committee.

He is a founder member of the Wallasey Sports and Social Club and is Vice-President. He was also on the Steering Committee of the recently formed North Wirral Sports and Social Club.

Mr. J. W. FOSTER

Another ex-member of the Mid-Cheshire Electric Supply Company is Mr. J. W. (Jimmy)



Mr. J. W. Foster

Foster who now works as a mains foreman at Knutsford in the Board's Northwich District.

He also serves the community as the elected Labour Party representative for the Knutsford Over Ward on the Knutsford Urban District Council, but tells us that at the next election he intends to stand as an Independent Socialist candidate.

At the moment he is the Chairman of the Housing Committee and a member of the Finance Committee, the General Purposes Planning Committee, the Allotments Committee, the Cemetery and Recreation Committee and the Highways Committee.

He is a Manager of the Norbury Booth School and a member of the Bucklow Super-annuation Committee.

Mr. Foster is married and has two children, Pauline (25) who is also married with two children, and Trevor (19) who works for the Gas Board (*Ugh!*).

Mr. A. PARR

Another newly-elected councillor is Mr. Arthur Parr, a meter-reader/collector based at the Board's Runcorn depot. Mr. Parr now represents the Bridgewater Ward as a Liberal on the Runcorn Urban District Council.

Since being elected, Mr. Parr has been trying to remove party politics from local government.



Mr. A. Parr

Part of his plan was to invite his fellow councillors in the Bridgewater Ward—one Labour and the other Conservative—to join with him and work together as a team for the benefit of the people they all represent. He keeps very close to the electors by spending one night each week, in the company of his Labour colleague, touring the Ward and speaking to the residents.

Mr. Parr is a family man with a 22-year-old son. Among his interests is photography, and much of his spare time is spent with the younger generation at the Camden Methodist Church Youth Club in Runcorn.

Mr. E. J. DAVIES

In November 1963, Mr. Eric James Davies successfully contested the South West Central Ward of the Rhyl Urban District to win the seat for the Labour Party. In May last year he was re-elected with a majority of 277 votes over his opponent. He serves the electorate on the following committees—Building and Planning, Entertainments and Parks, Finance, General Purposes, Health, Highways, Housing and Publicity.

He recently had a trip to Ventnor in the Isle of Wight where he represented his Council at the British Resorts Association Conference. Mr. Davies is also the Council delegate on the Flintshire County Health Committee and the Chester Port Health Committee. He is Manager of the Glyndwr Sec-



Mr. E. J. Davies

dary Modern School and the Ysgol Dewi Sant Primary School.

He joined MANWEB in 1954 and now spends his working days as a joiner. He is married and has three sons. He is a past Chairman of the Rhyl Football Supporters Social Club and is still a member of the Management Committee. He is also a past Chairman of the Clwyd District Sports and Social Club Committee.

Mr. E. W. R. DAVIES

For the last 16 years, Mr. Evan W. R. Davies has been employed by the Board as a driver, based on the Aberystwyth District. Mr. Davies' interest in public affairs started recently when he gained a seat on the Llanrhystyd Parish Council as an Independent Member for the Myfennydd Ward.

Mr. G. DAVIES

Since he was first elected as a member of the Ogwen Rural District Council just about 12 years ago, Mr. Gwilym Davies, a linesman at our Bangor Depot, has served on numerous committees. At the present time he is serving his second term of office as Chairman of the Council and represents his Council on the Caernarvonshire Joint Sanitary Committee, the Welsh Rural District Association, and the North Wales Marriage Guidance Council. He is a school Manager of Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen and Bodfeirig School and a member



Mr. G. Davies

of the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Social Security.

Mr. Davies is an active trade unionist having served as Chairman of the Bangor Branch of the E.T.U. for the past twelve years. He has been a shop steward and represented the men on the Works Committee and the Local Advisory Committee. He is the Vice-Chairman of the Bangor and Beaumaris Trades Council.

Outside his public service duties and his job with MANWEB, Mr. Davies is very interested in music and is the organist and treasurer of Gorphwysfa Chapel, Tregarth. He is also an ardent football fan, a keen motorist and when able to spare the time, enjoys a spell of fly fishing.

Mr. G. EDWARDS

The official Council representative for the Esclusham Below Ward on the Wrexham Rural District Council is Mr. Gwilym Edwards, a 2nd assistant engineer in the Technical Section at Area 4 Office. This particular Ward includes Rhostyllen and Pentrebychan, the location of the Board's Area 4 Office.

Mr. Edwards has been an Independent member for the Ward since 1964 when he was also elected to the Parish Council. He is Chairman of the Public Amenities (Parks, Open Spaces and Recreation) Committee and serves on the Committee of Chairman. He also contributes as a member of the Establishments, Estates,



Mr. G. Edwards

Health, Housing, Finance and General Purposes Committees.

He is a church warden of the Parish of Esclusham, the Honorary Treasurer and a Committee member of the Chester and North Wales Section of the Electric Power Engineers Association.

Mr. Edwards has been with MANWEB since 1948, having previously worked since 1928 with the Electricity Distribution Company of North Wales and later the North Wales Power Company. He was one of the original band of people responsible for starting the Electrical Department at the Technical College, Wrexham, way back in 1930.

He is happily married and has four children. In his moments of relaxation he plays for the Esclusham Bowls team, of which he is a Vice-President, and takes an active interest in the local Gardening Society and the Amateur Dramatic Society.

Mr. E. JONES

Yet another of MANWEB's District Senior Clerks has the community interest at heart enough to devote much of his spare time to local Council work. This time we introduce Mr. Eifion Jones of the Wrexham District, who also represents the people in the parish of Treuddyn, where he lives, as their Labour Councillor on the Hawarden Urban District Council.



Mr. E. Jones

His first venture into public service was in 1950 when he was elected to the Parish Council. Five years later he became a member of the Rural District Council, becoming its Chairman in 1965.

Mr. Jones now serves on the Building and Planning Committee, the Finance Committee, the Health Committee, the Housing Committee, the Staffing Committee and the Water and Sewerage Committee. He is also a local magistrate, is the County Secretary for the Parish Councils Association of Flintshire, the County Secretary for the Playing Fields Association in Flintshire, Vice-Chairman Welsh Hospitals and Health Services Association, a member of the Wrexham, Powyfan and Mawddach Hospital Management Committee, serves on the House Committees of three hospitals, at Mold, Meadowslea and Broughton, a Governor of one Bi-lateral and one Secondary Modern School. Manager of the local County Primary School and member of the Old-Aged Welfare Committee.

Prior to being transferred to MANWEB in 1948, Mr. Jones served for ten years with the Hawarden Rural District Council Electricity Undertaking.

Mr. E. JONES

Another very keen fly fisherman in our Caernarvon District is Mr. Emlyn Jones who works as a salesman in our Bangor



Mr. E. Jones

Shop. Mr. Jones must be very good at his hobby for he has represented Wales on five occasions in International Fly Fishing contests.

After joining MANWEB in 1950 to work at the Bethesda Shop, he transferred to Bangor in 1956. Shortly after this he took up local council work when he was elected as a member of the Bethesda Urban District Council. In the nine years he has served, he has spent a period as Chairman of the Council.

Mr. Jones is married and has three children, a married daughter who is also a teacher at David Hughes School, Menai Bridge, and two sons, one training to become a teacher and the other still a pupil.

Mr. D. JONES

Our Shop Supervisor at Shotton is Mr. David Jones, who has served the electricity supply industry in one capacity or another for the past 30 years.

For the last nine of those years, he has served the public in his additional role as a member of the Connah's Quay Urban District Council where he sits as an Independent for the Central Ward. He must be a very busy man for he is a member of all the committees and is Vice-Chairman of the Highways Committee and the Parks and Gardens Committee. In 1965, he was chosen to lead the Council as its Chairman.

He is a member of the Flint and District Employment Com-



Mr. D. Jones

mittee, a Governor of Deeside Grammar School and the Vicar's Warden of his local church.

Mr. Jones is happily married with a very active family. His wife is a secretary of the Women's Voluntary Service and their son, David Junior, is an apprentice electrician with the Board and their daughter, Christine, works as a clerk for the C.E.G.B. at Connah's Quay Power Station.

Mr. E. LEIGHTON

Although he has been a member of the Crewe Conservative Party for 15 years and was Secretary for the North Ward of the Borough for some considerable time, Mr. Edward Leighton was of the opinion that party politics should not come into local government. His forthright views soon became known locally and he was approached by the Crewe Ratepayers Association to stand as their candidate in the by-election earlier this year.

He received the vote of the people and now serves as a Town Councillor on a number of committees covering Allotments, Baths, Weights and Measures, Farms and Estates and General Purposes.

Mr. Leighton's other service to the public of Crewe, is in the daily work he does as an installation inspector with the Board, operating from the new District Offices at Macon Way. He is a long serving man having just about completed 35



Mr. E. Leighton

years with the industry.

In his younger days he was a Scoutmaster with the St. Michaels Church Group and is still very interested in the activities of the youth of today. One of his other interests is motoring and he is one of the original members of the Nantwich and District Motor Club.

Mr. W. D. MORRIS

In this year's Welshpool Borough Council elections, Mr. William David Morris, a draughtsman with MANWEB, defeated a man who has held office for the past six years as a representative for the largest Ward in the Borough.

Mr. Morris, who has been with the Board for the past 16 years, previously worked for 21 years in the newspaper industry. During the war he was with the Royal Welch Fusiliers before being invalided out.

He leads a very full life, serving on a number of committees on the Borough Council as well as being the Council representative on the Shrewsbury/Aberystwyth Railway Liaison Committee. He is a school Manager for the Berriew and Guilsfield Schools.

Away from the Council Offices, Mr. Morris has interests in the Welshpool Old-Age



Mr. W. D. Morris

Pensioners Association, the Welshpool Boy Scouts Association and the Welshpool Football Club, being their former Secretary and one-time player. He is also Secretary for the Welshpool Darts and Dominoes Leagues and has organised several functions which have resulted in large donations being given to a number of charities. He is a keen amateur photographer and in addition to being a free lance press correspondent he is the *Contact* correspondent for Welshpool.

In his service with the Board, Mr. Morris represents members of the staff on the District Joint Advisory Council, the Local Advisory Committee and on the Nalگو Executive.

His wife, Betty, is a native of Bargoed. They have three offsprings, Jacqueline, aged 19, who is a student at Barry Teachers' Training College, Susan, aged 15 who is a pupil at Welshpool High School and David, aged 10, who goes to Welshpool Primary School.

Mr. R. OWEN

A clerk in our Caernarvon District Office, Mr. Richard Owen was recently elected as a



Mr. R. Owen

Councillor with the Gwryfai Rural District Council on his first venture into politics. A man of many hobbies and interests, he will no doubt make a success of this new call.

Mr. Owen is the Secretary of the Caernarvon District Sports and Social Club and in the past few months has worked very hard to keep it going. He has

helped to organise a number of events and has come up with many schemes to raise money for the Club. He is also Treasurer and Entertainments Secretary for the Nantlle Vale Royal Silver Band.

Mr. R. H. OWEN

A very popular member of the staff at our Llanberis Depot is Mr. Robert Hugh Owen, an ex-North Wales Power Company man who now works for the



Mr. R. H. Owen

Board as a linesman. He is also very active in Local Government affairs and in an interview recently, our local correspondent asked him just what this entailed. His reply was to list the following assignments he has to carry out.

Member of the County Council, Rural District Council and the Parish Council; past Chairman of the Rural District Council; Chairman of the Finance Committee, Alderman of the County Council; Vice-Chairman of the County Council; Chairman of the County Planning Committee; Vice-Chairman of the National Parks Joint Committee; Member and past Chairman of the Snowdonia National Park Joint Advisory Committee; Justice of the Peace for the County of Caernarvon; Member of the Welsh Joint Education Committee and Member of the Welsh Economic Council.

After such a list, our man asked Mr. Owen if he had any

hobbies. "You've just had them!" was the reply.

In recognition of his public service, Mr. Owen was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1960 and last July was an invited guest at a Buckingham Palace garden fete.

Mr. E. O. REES

A man who seems to thrive on hard work is Mr. Edward Owen Rees who serves MANWEB as a foreman with the Engineering Section at Dolgellau. Before he starts his day's work he tends to the chores around his farm at Braich y Ceunant where he breeds prize cattle and dairy cows. His animals have won many prizes at local shows and Mr. Rees is well known throughout the County.

He is now about to make his name even more well known as



Mr. E. O. Rees

he was recently elected to serve as a Councillor on the Dolgellau Rural District Council.

His popularity will no doubt increase even more as Christmas time approaches, for in addition to his cattle on his farm, he has quite a name for the turkeys that he and his wife prepare for the festive season.

Mr. W. E. B. ROBERTS

A chargehand fitter at our Rhyl Depot, Mr. W. E. B. Roberts has served on the Rhuddlan Parish Council for the past six years. He is a member of the Local Playing Fields Committee and the Public Lighting Committee in addition to being the elected representa-



Mr. W. E. B. Roberts

tive on the Rural Parish Council Committee, the Parish Councils Association (County) and is on the Governors Committee of the Clawdd Offa School (Prestatyn) and the Grammar School at St. Asaph.

As a MANWEB employee, Mr. Roberts has been the manual workers' representative on the Manual Workers Benevolent Society since its inception in 1959. He is also the representative for District 4 (Clwyd) on the Trydan Friendly Society.

Mr. Roberts is married and has one child. His main interest is welfare work and his favourite hobby is the flying and breeding of homing pigeons as a member of the Rhuddlan and District Homing Club.

Mr. G. ZEIHNER

Before arriving at MANWEB's Area 4 Office to take up an appointment as Senior Assistant Engineer, Technical just about four years ago, Mr. Graham Zeiher worked for the South Eastern Electricity Board in the Surrey Area, The Southern Electricity Board at Oxford and the Yorkshire Electricity Board in Rotherham. Prior to that he was with the CEGB in Yorkshire as a graduate trainee.

He now seems to be comfortably settled in Bangor-is-y-coed where he has taken up the community interest by becoming an Independent member of the

Parish Council. He is also a Manager of the Village School and is a delegated member of the Playing Fields Association of Flintshire.

He enjoys gardening and painting and is interested in travelling and ski-ing. Recently he took a party of 29 school-children on a ski-ing holiday to Arosa in Switzerland. He has travelled to many Continental countries including French Morocco, Greece and the Cape Verde Islands. In 1963, he was a member of a party to visit America to see various educational establishments in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio.

His wife, Jean Margaret, is a leading member of the Overton



Mr. G. Zeiher

Dramatic Society and serves on the committee of the local Women's Institute. They have two children, Nicholas, aged four and Phillip (Pip) aged three.

Our Anglesey District too have their share of local government representatives with Mr. R. T. Gibson (wayleave officer) serving with Llangefní U.D.C.; Mr. R. T. O'Hanlon (electrician), who serves on the Holyhead U.D.C.; and Mr. S. T. Williams (District Commercial Engineer) who is active on the Anglesey County Council and the Beaumaris Borough Council.

NEW MEN TAKE OVER

Mr. J. R. RAWES

(District Commercial Engineer, Northwich)

Just over 34 years ago, Mr. John R. (Reg) Rawes joined the Liverpool Corporation Electricity Supply Department as an office junior. Later he served his apprenticeship as an electrician and worked on the vast D.C./A.C. changeover programme.

During the last war, he was with the Royal Navy and for a while was seconded to the South African Naval Forces. He continued to serve with the Volunteer Reserve until a few years ago.

Shortly after his return he was appointed as Commercial Assistant at Runcorn and in 1955 he became 1st assistant D.C.E. at Northwich.

He is married and has a son, Peter, and a daughter, Janet.

Mr. G. BOWERS

(District Commercial Engineer, North Wirral)

Another member of the staff who started as an office junior with the Liverpool Corporation Electricity Supply Department is Mr. George Bowers the new D.C.E. at Birkenhead.

In 1940, he went into the Army for six years serving in many parts of the world. He returned to Liverpool in 1946 and worked as an electrician until he was appointed as assistant consumers' engineer at Hatton Garden in 1950. Four years later he moved to Ayr to work for the South of Scotland Board. In 1956 he rejoined MANWEB as 1st assistant D.C.E. at Clwyd taking over as D.C.E. in 1963.

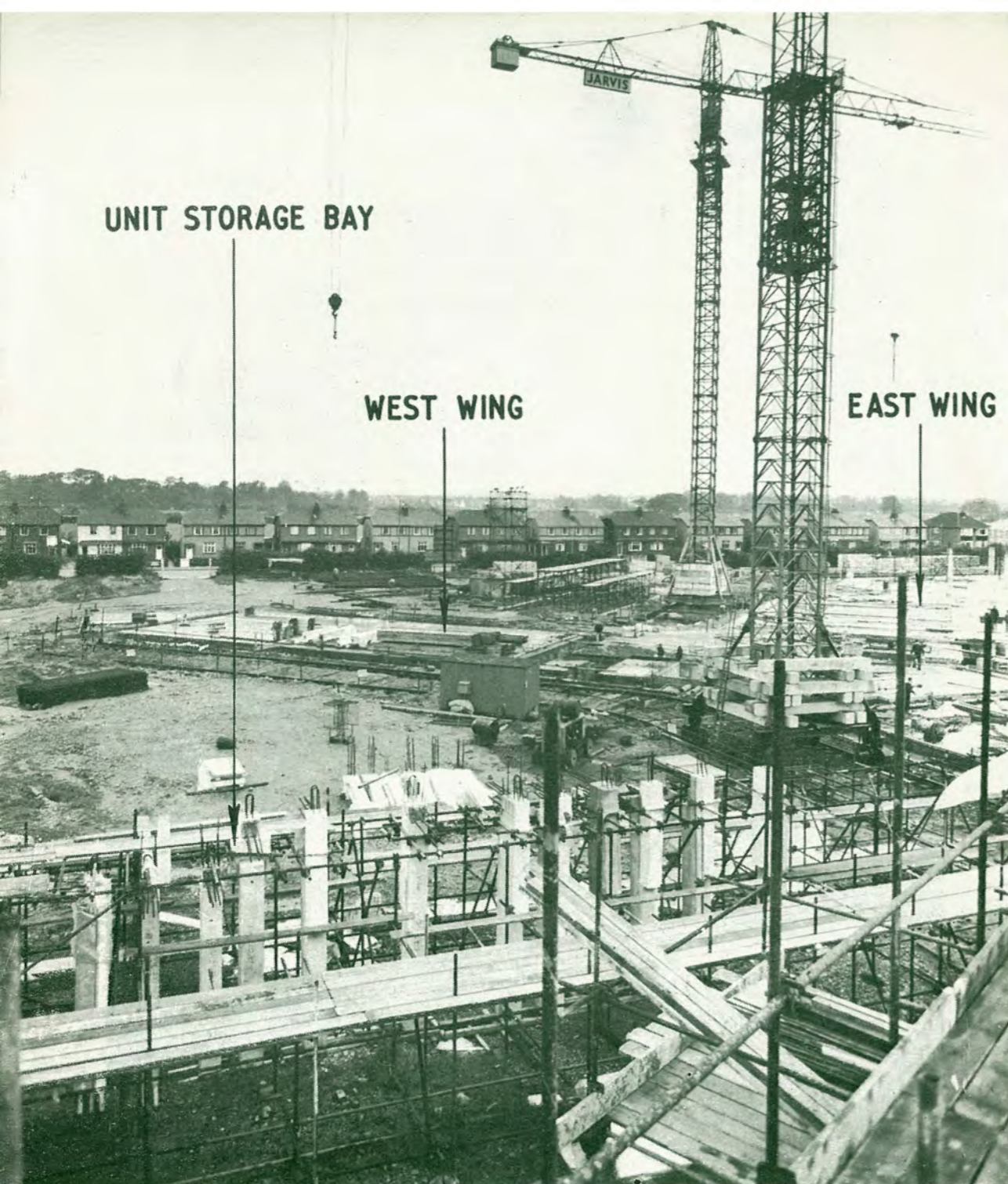
Mr. Bowers is happily married and has a son David and two daughters Ailsa and Patricia.



Mr. J. R. Rawes

Clwyd District Manager, Mr. L. V. Taylor, centre left, presents Mr. Bowers with a farewell gift from his friends in the District.





NEW ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE

Here is a composite picture, taken at the end of October, showing the progress being made on the Board's new Administrative Centre at Sealand Road, Chester. Already the outline of the 'Y' shape can be made out, with the East and West wings forming the front and the South wing as the tail. The area in the left foreground is used for the storage of pre-cast structural units. We hope to be able to keep you in the picture, by publishing, from time to time, progress reports and photographs.

No. 1 L.A.C.
and
No. 37 L.A.C.

ANNUAL EMPLOYEES MEETING

The Annual Meeting for employees covered by the Head Office and the Area 1 Office Local Advisory Committees was held a few weeks ago in a Liverpool restaurant.

As Chairman for the evening, Mr. J. Taylor (Manager, Area 1) opened the proceedings with a special welcome for the 73 retired employees who had accepted the invitation to attend. He then said that this would probably be the last meeting of this kind at which he would officiate hinting that he himself would be joining the ranks of the retired in the new year.



Mrs. C. T. Green

Everyone then settled down to enjoy a hotpot supper before turning their attention to the first speaker Mrs. C. T. Green, the North West Organiser of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

She began by explaining that the scheme is to train young people in a number of character building ways and as a goal they qualify, in turn, for a bronze, then a silver and finally a gold medal. This training calls for a great deal of spirit and perseverance as the candidate takes the tests which are spread over a period of time, the bronze medal being awarded at around 14 years of age and the gold at about 20 years of age.

Mrs. Green concluded an interesting talk by urging all adults to help the industrious youngsters who entered the scheme to attain their goals.

Then, Mr. W. Wallwork (Commercial Officer, Area 1) spoke to the assembly taking as his subject—Sales—and their relationship with every member of the staff.

He began by demonstrating, with the aid of a variety of appliances, how electricity raises the standard of living for our customers. He said that



to assist in selling was in the interests of us all, but the actual selling was the job of a specialist—the salesman who is trained to ensure that the customer gets the right product for their particular needs. The electrician, the meter reader, the clerk and all other non-Commercial staff should try to be ambassadors for the Board and be courteous and helpful and avoid any undue criticism of their colleagues when talking with customers. Mr. Wallwork advised everyone not to offer advice on subjects outside their knowledge but to pass the question to the person who could give a correct answer.



Mr. W. Wallwork

In conclusion Mr. Wallwork said that if the Board's staff wanted to improve their salaries and conditions they must help the sales force to sell more. He said that to do this we must all ensure that our customers receive full value for money whether it be for goods or in services.

The Meeting was then given over to the Open Forum when the main talking point seemed to be centred on the value of joint consultation real or imaginary.

Mr. M. M. Parker (Secretary and Solicitor) said that he personally had no doubt that it was of the greatest value and went on to quote several instances where joint consultation had led to the saving of money and time in addition to improving conditions for the staff.

The conclusion emerged that joint consultation was essential, but to be really effective, the staff had to read the copies of the minutes of meetings which were regularly posted on the notice boards.

The Girl from MANWEB

OUR COVER PICTURE shows a few more of the entrants for "The Girl from MANWEB" Competition.

A. Patricia Ann Dando is a 23-year-old brunette who works for the Board as a clerk at Sealand Road. Before joining MANWEB, Pat served for twelve months as a policewoman with the Cheshire Force. She likes ice skating, needlework and folk music.

B. A girl with a melodious voice is June Hudspith our telephonist-cum-receptionist at Area 2/3 Offices. She is a member of the successful Chester Ladies First-Aid team.

C. Just 20-years-old, Ann Charters is employed as a trainee demonstrator based at our Birkenhead Shop. She has fair hair and blue eyes, and enjoys motoring, dancing, reading and dressmaking.

D. A copy typist at Head Office, Miranda Mulvey is a delightful red head—known to her friends as 'Connie'. She is married and

has a four-year-old son called Ian. She likes reading, riding and dancing.

E. A thoroughly modern miss—petite Hilary Lawler—a very popular member of the staff at Head Office where she works as a shorthand typist. She is 20, has dark brown hair and hazel eyes and has been engaged for the past three months. She likes hiking, rock climbing, stock car racing, dressmaking, cooking, painting and jazz music.

F. Finally we have Heather MacDonald, the receptionist at Head Office—no wonder visitors forget who they come to see! Heather is a blonde—22-years-old—and has been engaged to a Birkenhead school-teacher for the past 18 months. She enjoys knitting and sewing to fill in her spare moments.

THE COMPETITION IS NOW CLOSED
AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN HAND
FOR THE JUDGING TO TAKE PLACE.

POWERS OF PERSUASION

Another satisfied customer

As so many appliances available today are of a similar quality and price, it would be foolish to stock a huge selection of models by various manufacturers, which have almost no real functional or aesthetic difference. This commonsense approach is behind the Commercial Policy of rationalised stocking. Each appliance purchased in bulk is selected to fill a position in a wider range of goods than would be otherwise possible. Every article must have passed the stringent MANWEB reliability tests and of course be value for money.

To convert a buyer from his choice to those recommended by MANWEB is not an easy task. It takes expert knowledge of the individual models and exactly what is required to fill the customer's needs.

The fact that this conversion can be done with

the full approval of the customer was illustrated in a recent letter sent to the Board Secretary and Solicitor, Mr. M. M. Parker from a satisfied purchaser of a cooker.

The correspondent, when moving house persuaded his wife to go electric, and visited our shop in Chester, where he discovered MANWEB did not stock the cooker chosen by them and he reluctantly accepted another model. The purpose of his letter was not to complain but to praise the shop staff for the efforts in meeting his needs and to express his appreciation for the courtesy shown by Mr. Harry Furness the Shop supervisor.

This example shows that MANWEB sales staff have the right attitude to help make the Commercial Policy of the Board function correctly, thus producing a profitable return for the investment in the shops.

Treasure Hunt at Caernarvon



Above: Starting them off. Officials Mr. C. Owen (electrician) left, and Mr. J. M. Barlow (electrician), centre. In the car, raring to go, is Mr. W. Hughes (meter reader) and his wife. Top right: Mr. B. Hewitt (electrician). Bottom right: Mrs. Jean Roberts (clerk).



The winner, Mr. O. J. Hughes (electrician).



And runner-up, Miss Joyce Deacon (shorthand typist).

Members of the Caernarvon Sports and Social Club held the last of the 1967 season of car treasure hunts a few weeks ago. Seventeen cars and crews took part by starting from the St. Helens Road depot and driving through 20 miles of picturesque countryside which included the Aberglaslyn Pass. The 'hunters' crossed the border into Merioneth ending up at a hotel in Prenteg.

Here the winner was sought out and finally Mr. O. J. Hughes and crew emerged victorious having dropped only four points. Just one point behind came Miss Joyce Deacon and crew. Both were presented with torches—to make sure they would find their way home.

The booby prize—a stick of liquorice—went to Mr. Bertie Hewitt and crew—to make sure that they run better next time!

Then everyone settled down to enjoy themselves with singing and dancing before a sincere vote of thanks was given to Mr. C. Owen, Mr. J. M. Barlow (who works out the routes), Mrs. Jean Roberts (who arranged the food for the occasion and acted as Secretary), Mr. R. Owen (who was the compere for the evening) and to all other members of the organising committee.



and a good time was had by all

After the hunt . . . this picture was taken before the new D. & D. law came in . . . so Mrs. Castle can relax!

BRATHAY HALL COURSE

Expedition to Tunisia

by
Mr. Maldwyn Roberts



Mr. M. Roberts

OUR PARTY consisting of 21 boys, average age 18, together with five adult leaders arrived in Tunis on a Monday afternoon and spent the night at a Youth Hostel just outside the town. Making an early start next morning, we travelled South by rail to Sfax where we split up into two parties of 16 and 10, the larger party

darkness came and we made camp, for the second time without tents, just off the road.

Next day we travelled through El Hamma, stopping only for petrol. We came to a small village called Kebilli, which was on the edge of the Chott El Fedjaj, where there were some hot-water springs. We then crossed the Chott, which was again dry, although it had been said while we were in Tunis, that water had been seen on it from the air. When we got off the Chott, we stopped near a place where we knew there was an Arab well at Rekeb.

While the people in the Peugeot car made camp, the occupants of the other two cars went on towards the mountains to explore. We followed the road track through the mountains to prove that it was passable by vehicle, but would not be suited to all types, especially heavily laden as the Peugeot was.

We left Bou Hedma on a Thursday and then travelled South towards El Hamma. We had reached within 50 kilometres of El Hamma when

the occupants of the other two cars went on towards the mountains to explore. We followed the road track through the mountains to prove that it was passable by vehicle, but would not be suited to all types, especially heavily laden as the Peugeot was.

We found some interesting things, such as part of what must have been a Roman aqueduct, and also a completely intact but disused fortress, which must have belonged to the French at one time. We returned to the camp where we stayed for two days, again without tents, and saw our first and only scorpion.

At Oudref, just South of Gabes, we made camp in a Wadi, this time pitching tents. During our journey from Rakeb we experienced our first sand-storm, but while we were moving we did not notice it so much. In Oudref we went out on several day trips, but by now we had to return one car as it was getting a bit expensive to keep all three. One of our journeys was to a sebkret near Sidi Mansour, but this was also dry and we managed to get our car on to it. We spotted some gazelle and gave chase for a few minutes, taking photographs.



The scene at Gabes station.

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(Tunisia Expedition continued.)

After two days at Oudref we again travelled south passing through Medenine and Zarzis and camped by the sea, near Ben Gardane for a further two days.

On the Sunday before we left, we broke camp and decided to go down to where the Sahara started (if such an observation can be made) in Tunisia. We travelled as far as we were permitted to by the police, because of the hazards of getting stuck in the sand, and only stayed there for a matter of hours as this was the only time the heat became unbearable. We camped the night at our original camping site, again without tents. Next day we went into Gabes and returned the car (slightly the worse for wear) and boarded the train for Sfax and Tunis. We arrived in Tunis at about 11.00 p.m. and slept in the street outside the docks. The next day we were joined by the other 16 members of our group and boarded the ship for Marseilles.

During our stay in Tunisia, we travelled well over 2,000 kilometres and saw a great cross section of the community. All the Arabs were very friendly, wherever we stopped, even in the middle of the desert, where nothing but scrub could be seen, we had at least two Arabs around us inside half-an-hour, each one wanting to shake us by the hand. They are very inquisitive and staring at us wherever we went, especially in the larger villages and on trains and buses.

Going to such a country I expected great inconveniences such as snakes, scorpions by the score and great swarms of flies, but any snake we did see, we had to look for, under stones, etc., and in going through this process we saw only one scorpion, which we kept. As for flies, there were not all that many, but perhaps all this is due to the fact that the summer had not yet really begun, although we had temperatures of 93°-95°F in the shade.

On the whole I would say Tunisia would certainly be worth a second visit—or a first!

PAUL—ROBSON

Best wishes for the future to Miss Barbara Robson, a clerk in the Cash Office of Area 1 Accounts Section in Derby House, who was married to Mr. Hugh Paul a few weeks ago at St. Giles Church, Aintree. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in the Isle of Man.



Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Paul

JONES—HITCHINSON

Congratulations to Mr. William Jones, a labourer at our Caernarvon Depot and Miss Jean Hitchinson, on the occasion of their marriage which took

WEDDINGS

place recently at Christ Church, Caernarvon.

JONES—WILLIAMS

Our best wishes for a happy future go to Mr. Hugh Jones, a clerk at Mostyn Broadway, Llandudno, and Miss Anne Heulwen Williams, who were married a short time ago at the Rehoboth Welsh Presbyterian



Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Jones

Chapel, Prestatyn. Mr. Jones was the former *Contact* correspondent at Colwyn Bay.

WALLER—LEE

A double-ring wedding ceremony took place recently when Mr. Ian Waller, a clerk at

our Warrington District Office, married Miss Susan Lee at St. Andrew's Church, Orford. We offer our very best wishes for a happy future for these two young people.

ROBERTS—KIRBY

Congratulations to Miss Barbara Kirby, a telephonist at



Mr. & Mrs. John Roberts

our Oswestry District Office and Mr. John Roberts, on the occasion of their marriage which took place recently at St. Oswald's 16th century Parish Church at Oswestry.



Staff Meeting at St. Helens



The Annual Open Meeting for staff in our St. Helens District was held recently at a local hotel. Nearly 90 people attended, including 21 invited retired members of the District staff.

The evening started with everyone sitting down to enjoy a delicious roast beef dinner, and then with the tables cleared—except for the liquid refreshments—the audience heard Mr. H. C. Barr (District Engineer) as Chairman of the Local Advisory Committee, give a brief summary of the work done by the Committee during the year.

Then Mr. J. W. Trimble (Manager Area 2/3) rose and said a few words about the work of the Board during the last financial year and of St. Helens District's part in this.



The next item on the agenda was the Open Forum session which proved to be brief but lively with the questions being ably dealt with by Mr. Trimble and Mr. R. D. Thomas (Secretary, Area 2/3) and a member of the Local Advisory Committee.

The Meeting ended with Mr. J. L. W. Ladner (Education and Training Officer) giving a very interesting and informative talk on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

The general feeling of those present was that it had been a good evening all round in a pleasant



and friendly atmosphere. Everyone seemed delighted to see once again so many of their ex-colleagues looking so fit and well.

The Secretary of the Local Advisory Committee, Mr. G. E. H. Wheeler, said that they are now looking forward to another busy and progressive year.





RETIREMENTS

Friends at the Birkenhead Shop gather round to see Mr. J. Casson (Shop supervisor) centre left, present Mr. Gascoigne with some parting gifts.

Mr. H. GASCOIGNE

After completing 40 years' in public service, Mr. Harry Gascoigne retired recently from his job as cashier at the Board's Birkenhead Shop. Before transferring to the electricity supply industry in 1948, Mr. Gascoigne worked in the taxation department.

On the eve of his retirement, friends and colleagues at the Shop gathered together with Mr. Gascoigne and his wife to enjoy a little farewell party and to present him with a number of parting gifts.

Mr. R. PRICE-JONES

Gatekeeper, timekeeper and general handyman at our Caernarvon Depot in St. Helens Road, Mr. R. Price-Jones will most certainly be missed by his many friends and colleagues now that he has retired. At a presentation ceremony held a short time ago, Mr. N. Maden (District Manager) paid tribute to Mr. Price-Jones' work for the District and commented that



four or five people were now partially concerned with the varied duties which he had previously been carrying out. Mr. Wyn Williams (section engineer) also said a few words in praise of Mr. Price-Jones' work.

As a parting gift, his colleagues presented him with a cheque and their good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Mr. A. CROWE

Before starting work as an apprentice electrician with the Chester Corporation Electricity Department over 50 years ago, Mr. Albert Crowe served as a Scout messenger for Western Command during the first world war. His earnings as an apprentice amounted to 7/6d. a week and later he got 11/-d. a week as a lamplighter. In 1921 along with his fellow workers, Albert joined the Union and along with his fellow workers was immediately sacked when they asked for an increase in pay from 1/6d. to 2/-d. an hour.

For a while he worked for a private contractor

and was probably the first man to wire an a.c. motor in Chester.

In 1935 he rejoined the Corporation and worked on the electrical installations of many famous buildings and landmarks throughout Chester District. Shortly after MANWEB took over, Albert was appointed as an installation inspector.

At a special presentation ceremony held to mark his retirement a few weeks ago, Mr. H. A. Beech (1st assistant District Commercial Engineer), on behalf of the district staff, presented Mr. Crowe with a transistor radio, and on behalf of the Local Advisory Committee, with a book.



Mr. Crowe, sixth from left, with some of his colleagues at Chester.



Staff from Area 2/3 Office and from North Wirral District see Mr. J. W. Trimble (Manager Area 2/3) centre left, present Mr. White with a farewell gift.

Mr. G. A. WHITE

Staff at our North Wirral District gathered together recently to bid farewell to a very popular colleague, Mr. G. A. White, who was retiring from his job as District Commercial Engineer.

He served his apprenticeship with the General Electric Company in Birmingham, receiving his technical education at the Birmingham Central Technical College. He then worked for the Company in London before moving over to the Battersea Borough Council Electricity Department for a short time.

In 1929, Mr. White accepted an appointment with the China Light and Power Company as

Meter Superintendent and Consumers' Engineer. He stayed there until 1946, the last four years unfortunately being spent in a prisoner-of-war camp at Kowloon, Hong Kong.

On his return to England he joined the Wallasey Corporation Electricity Department as their Installation Superintendent and when MANWEB took over in 1948 he was appointed as the Commercial Engineer for North Wirral District.

On behalf of his friends and colleagues in the District, Mr. J. W. Trimble (Manager, Area 2/3) presented Mr. White with a transistor radio as a token of their esteem.

Mr. W. WILLIAMS

On 'pay night' a few weeks ago, many men stayed on in the Lister Drive canteen to say their farewells to Mr. W. (Billy) Williams, who was retiring from his job as foreman in the Area 1 Central Workshop after a working life of over 50 years.

On completing his apprenticeship as an electrician with a Liverpool firm, Billy joined the many thousands hit by the depression of the early 30's and for a period had to work as a bricklayer's labourer. In 1933 he managed to get a job with the Liverpool Corporation—as an electrician—his first foreman being Mr. Alec. Cannon, who was again at Billy's side at the retirement presentation.

When the war came along, Billy had the job of maintaining the air-raid sirens situated throughout the North Liverpool area. After this, in 1945, he

was sent to the Lister Drive power station to do a job which should have taken a couple of days. Somehow or other, those two days have lasted for 22 years—and in that time he gained promotion to foreman.

Mr. Williams has certainly earned his retirement and we join with his host of friends in wishing him and his wife many healthy and happy years ahead. At the farewell presentation ceremony, many glowing tributes were paid to him by his colleagues. Mr. W. Wallwork (Commercial Officer, Area 1) said that Billy was well respected as a first class foreman for his conscientious and loyal work. In all, he was a first class man.

His colleagues subscribed to present him with a pair of gardening shears, a chiming clock and a box of chocolates for Mrs. Williams.



Mr. Williams, holding clock, receives a farewell handshake from Mr. Wallwork.

Retirements—continued



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogg with their pet pekinese.

Mr. J. HOGG

To mark his retirement from the Board, Mr. Jack Hogg, a chargehand electrician in our North Wirral District, was presented with a transistor radio and a cheque from his colleagues. His wife, Iris, was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolates.

After serving his apprenticeship with Cammell Lairds, Jack later joined the Birkenhead Corporation Electricity Department.

He has a long link with the Territorial Army and is a well-known bandsman in the Cheshire Yeomanry.

On the eve of his retirement, one of his friends presented him with this poem:

'Ode to Jack'

We must all reach the age of retirement,
And pause for a while to look back,
And now we meet to pay tribute
To a friend and colleague—our Jack.

For many years he's been with us,
Bawling from morn until night,
But even when he was so blue in the face,
His spark was much worse than his spite!

He could make blue smoke with less trouble,
Than anyone else in the racket,
With his bag full of ohms, amps and 'ammers,
And two-forty volts in his pocket.

To see our Jack go is sad for us all,
Though we've stuck him for years without
groaning!
So up with your glasses, and drink to his health
He's going to lie-in in the morning!

'Contact' Correspondents

Mr. R. Slack (Hoylelake Training Centre)

AREA 1

Mr. A. Cassie (Hatton Garden)
Mr. N. B. Kenyon (Hatton Garden)
Mrs. M. Cowle (Derby House)
Mr. D. Patrick (Marsh Lane)
Mr. N. Turner (Lister Drive)
Miss V. Roberts (Southport)

AREA 2/3

Mrs. J. Findlow (Sealand Road)
Mrs. E. Burke (Sealand Road)
Mr. H. Hughes (Sealand Road)
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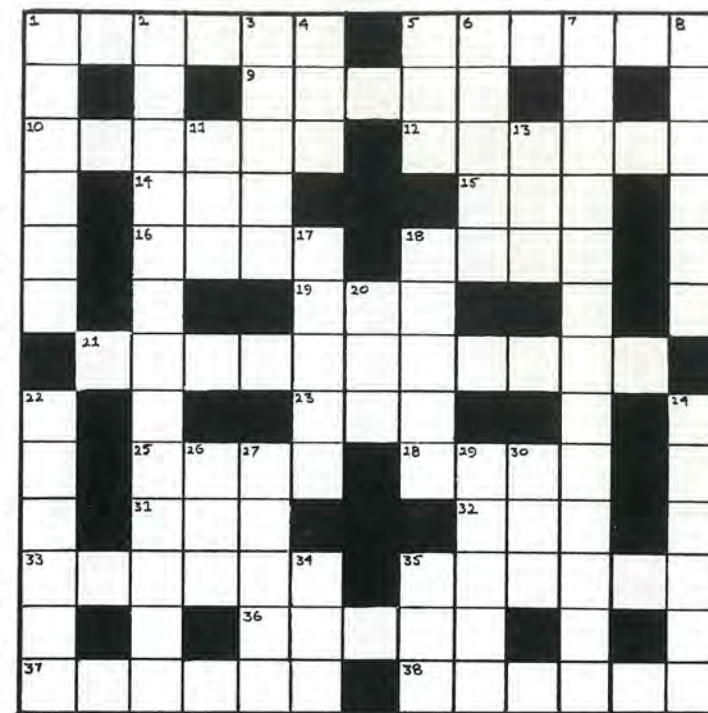
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Prize Crossword

Here we have a 'warm-up' crossword to get you in form for solving the puzzles which we hope to include in our Christmas issue. This particular teaser has been set by our old friend Patron of Head Office and we are offering a prize of half-a-guinea to the sender of the first all-correct solution to be opened on 18th December, 1967.

Send your entries, together with your name and address, office or home to: *The Editor, 'Contact', MANWEB, Head Office, Love Lane, Pall Mall, Liverpool 3.* Entries may be submitted on plain paper if you wish.



Clues Across

- It is served at breakfast when the captain loses his head. (6)
- This child is not a pleasant one. (6)
- Gets you into many a scrape. (5)
- An arrow head need not be wide. (6)
- Far Eastern Empire. (6)
- How to bluff the goat. (3)
- Simon's river? (3)
- The famous ones are in March. (4)
- Does this sort of fare frighten you? (4)
- The start of a golfing career. (3)
- Go ring a gate and find the sum total. (11)
- What to do with the red. (3)
- The rose of Piccadilly Circus. (4)
- A gas produces the old tale. (4)
- This is apt to flow. (3)
- Tap the boy. (3)
- Lower the bottom of the hole. (6)
- The worries we have are sometimes this. (6)
- Any of these lead to the middle. (5)
- Look over again. (6)
- These are in the air some of the time. (6)

Clues Down

- To be like a royal person. (6)
- These will accept your No. 8 willingly. (7-6)

FOR SALE

Camping "GAZ" double burner and 907 cylinder. £5. Box N1

Brown "Gloria" 120 8-speed, f.2.9, range finder, excellent lens. Offers. Box N2

Replies to the above advertisements should be sent to:
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- Eat away. (5)
- Not cooked at all. (3)
- His father's boy. (3)
- Sometimes goes before a fall. (5)
- The act of being somebody else. (13)
- If you want a good hiding, he's the man. (6)
- Do away with. (3)
- Vegetables however small. (3)
- People are always taking these. (5)
- These are often associated with strength or endurance. (5)
- Self assurance. (3)
- One means of uniting. (6)
- An Indian river. (6)
- The knock of a trapped man. (3)
- What you get at Covent Garden. (5)
- One of the girls of the year. (5)
- This girl may be happy as well! (3)
- She's a grandmother anyway. (3)
- How to fill the pit. (3)

Better Gifts are Electric

WHAT could be better than an electrical gift for Christmas? If you are short of a few suggestions for presents this Yuletide why not pop into one of the MANWEB Shops and join the many of the Board's customers who will be drawn there looking for ideas—a transistor for junior, a set of heated hair curlers for big sister, a food mixer for Mum, and what about a shaver for Dad? These are just a few of the gifts for all the family you can buy from MANWEB.

The Christmas present trade is big business and this year all the electricity Boards are co-operating with the Eda Division of the Electricity Council in an attempt to secure a large slice of this very profitable 'cake'.

Eda are mounting a huge publicity campaign and the I.T.V. network is being used to reach millions of homes throughout the country with 60-second and 15-second commercials. Full page advertisements are appearing in the National newspapers publicising the appliances most suitable as gifts. Five manufacturers—Hoover Ltd., Philips Electrical Ltd., Sunbeam Electrical Ltd., Morphy Richards Ltd. and The Carmen Curler Co. Ltd.—whose products will be illustrated in the Eda publicity, will themselves support the campaign with their own advertising.

Link with Eda

To ensure that the full benefit of the interest created by the national publicity is exploited MANWEB are following the Eda theme in the Board advertising in the local press and our



The Marconi 3-speed, 4-track tape recorder at £47.5.0

customers should then associate all the publicity with MANWEB.

In addition to the press advertising, 30,000 brochures are being distributed to selected areas where it is anticipated that a market will



The Hoover Dustette—ideal for cleaning the car—at 9 guineas.



Smiths Setric Clock at £4.10.0



The Morphy Richards new-style hair dryer for only £4.0.9

exist for gifts of the type and price of the appliances advertised. Inserted in the brochure will be a 'special offer' leaflet and this will describe four really good MANWEB bargains—

Dimplex Furniture Fire—£17.19.6. (Saving £13)

Tricity Realm 4½ c.f. Refrigerator—£44.19.0. (Saving £7.6.10)

Frigidaire Automatic Spin Dryer £23 (Saving £2.18.0)

G.E.C. Pocket Transistor—£6.19.6 (Saving £1)

The Head Office Display Section have produced material for our staff to incorporate in their eye catching window displays so designed to tempt the customer into our shops, the final link in the campaign. It is then up to our salesmen and saleswomen to persuade the customer to buy and it will be their expertise that will ensure a profitable return for the money invested in publicity.

So remember when looking for ideas for Christmas presents "Better Gifts are Electric"

All the brilliant
**gift ideas
you never
thought of**

Clever you . . . what an original idea to go Christmas shopping at Manweb! Such a terrific choice—everything from inexpensive little fun gifts like fairy lights for the Christmas Tree to the head-turning luxury of once-in-a-lifetime presents like a slim-line fridge.

And whatever gifts you buy at your Manweb shop, you know you're really getting value for your money.

Guaranteed, too—by Manweb as well as by the manufacturer, a double guarantee that your gift will please.





Morphy Richards Coffee Percolator
Starts percolating in 1½ mins, stops before coffee boils, doesn't overpercolate, makes enough for 6-9 cups in just over 10 mins. Chrome finish. £7. 1. 8.



***Sunbeam Mixmaster X24**
With two mixing bowls—large and small 12 speeds—dial indicates best speed for job in hand. Bowls revolve and special mixing action beaters ensure complete and thorough mixing. £28. 11 4.



***Sunbeam Steam Spray Iron**
So much steam it's impossible to scorch clothes. Power spray damps down ahead of iron. Special settings for all fibres. Unique water level gauge. £7. 15. 0.



***Philips HM 3060 Food Mixer**
3 speed finger tip control hand food mixer. Saves work on every mixing job. Easy to use, easy to clean. £5. 17. 4.



Morphy Richards 'Easimix' Food Mixer
Comes complete with mixing bowl and stand £11. 2. 11. Special attachments that clip on easily to slice'n shred, whisk, beat, stir, mash—even peel potatoes too—are available as optional extras.



Philips Twin Turbo "T" 2 kW
Twin heating elements give exactly the heat you want, thermostat control enables you to maintain it. Can be used during summer for cooling. £10. 13. 3.



***Philishave-3 Razor**
Well tried Rotary Action now even better with its triple microgroove floating heads. Copes with any beard more efficiently and speedier, giving a really smooth shave. Glide away hair trimmer gives that barber shop finish. £10. 10. 0.



Hoover 600 Fan Heater
A versatile, compact heater. Gives warmth in winter and blows cool air in summer. Adjustable stand. £6. 6. 0.



Sunbeam 777
For a fast, close, comfortable shave. 6 Swedish steel blades with unique 'sweep' action. Double shaving head with special undulation surface. Ready-to-use trimmer. £12. 13. 10.



Hoover 'Mini' De Luxe Hairdryer
A new power packed hairdryer, light to hold, simple to use, with luxury accessories—Hood, Holster with shoulder strap, hair net and ear muffs. £6. 15. 0.



Philips 3600 Knife Sharpener
The short cut to sharpening knives and scissors—in seconds. A great help in the kitchen at Christmas—and all year round. Altogether a sharp looker. £3. 19. 11.



Morphy Richards 'Caresse'
Lightweight hairdryer in two tone white and pink. Dries hair faster than any other lightweight hairdryer. It has two speeds—low for hair set in rollers—high for free flowing hair. £5. 9. 6.



***Carmen Hair Rollers**
Heat retaining rollers give a top-salon hair style in only 10 minutes. Safe with either wet or dry hair. . . no contact with electricity while in your hair. Carmen 7 set—£7.17.6.



***Morphy Richards ATR Toaster**
A well-bred toaster that switches off automatically, toasts to desired degree of brownness. Toasting time reduces with successive slices of bread. £7. 1. 8.

*AS SEEN ON T.V.



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