

MANWEB GAZETTE

Welcome to the following employees:

Head Office: Misses B. M. Baker, G. Evans and K. L. Houghton (accountancy trainees), Messrs. W. D. Mills (trainee analyst/programmer), K. Morley (senior analyst), J. E. Reel (trainee analyst/programmer) and A. Sampson (trainee programmer).

Area 1 Office: Misses C. L. Jenkinson and A. P. Wivell (clerks), Mrs. J. Wooding (typist), Messrs. F. J. Clinch (assistant—revenue), E. S. McDougall (records draughtsman) and D. McAlister (clerk). *Central District:* Miss D. Jones (saleswoman). *North District:* Messrs. B. J. McKenzie (electrical fitter) and J. Scully (contracting engineer). *South District:* Messrs. P. Gelling (trainee salesman), M. H. James (senior salesman) and J. O'Neill (clerk).

Area 2/3 Office: Misses C. M. Hipkiss, F. A. Jones, J. S. Lawrence, M. P. Nicholls and P. M. Parsons (junior clerks), Miss G. Roberts (trainee punch card operator), Mrs. M. J. Hughes (clerk) and Mrs. B. Wareham (cleaner). *St. Helens District:* Messrs. W. Copple (labourer), M. Craven (junior labourer), B. Ford (labourer), D. C. Lowe (clerk), and K. R. Jones (salesman). *Warrington District:* Miss M. Wood (clerk) and Miss S. P. Wood (shorthand typist). *Runcorn District:* Messrs. D. Burgess, G. A. Evans and T. Rigby (labourers), and G. E. Wilkinson (clerk). *Northwich District:* Messrs. S. Bernardo, V. Casey, F. W. Clarke, L. J. Fry, G. H. Maddock, W. G. Murray, R. Newton and J. Simmons (labourers). *Chester District:* Miss C. D. Edwards and Miss J. P. Keating (clerks), Mrs. P. H. Walker (part-time saleswoman) and Mr. G. B. Croft (public lighting attendant). *North Wirral District:* Messrs. G. Burns and J. P. Duggan (labourers), R. T. Edwards (electrician), L. Flaherty, J. R. Frear, T. A. Frost and G. H. Hayden (labourers), J. C. Hazelhurst (watchman), F. J. Higson, J. J. McKeown and J. G. Mearns (labourers), T. G. Parry (assistant section engineer), G. Pratt, J. K. Price and G. B. Roscoe (labourers), J. P. Shaughnessy (salesman), R. Taylor, C. V. Wallace, J. Wharton, W. J. Williams and S. Youds (labourers).

Area 4 Office: Miss J. Hughes (clerk), Misses J. E. Higgins and S. M. Williams (junior clerks), Mrs. E. Jones (typist), Messrs. K. Griffiths (clerk) and J. B. Speed (fitter—mechanical). *Wrexham District:* Miss E. F. Williams (trainee sales demonstrator). *Conway Valley District:* Mr. J. I. Roberts (junior clerk). *Caernarvon District:* Mrs. Y. M. Yeomans (trainee saleswoman).

Congratulations to the following employees on their promotion:

Head Office: Mr. P. Collinson (trainee analyst/programmer).

Area 1, Central District: Messrs. C. Kilfoyle

(assistant—manual records) and M. Ryan (meter fixer). *South District:* Messrs. J. J. Templeman and W. Tomlinson (joiners E.H.T.). *Southport District:* Mr. M. Stevenson (chargehand electrician).

Area 2/3 Office: Messrs. J. E. Eaton (assistant—revenue) and P. H. Williams (assistant—costs). *Warrington District:* Mr. M. W. Willis (transport driver). *Runcorn District:* Messrs. W. Rafferty (assistant storekeeper) and M. S. Shaw (meter reader/collector). *Northwich District:* Mr. J. R. Rawes (District Commercial Engineer). *North Wirral District:* Messrs. R. Bordley (electrician), A. Booth and D. A. Bridge (fitters—electrical) and R. Lloyd (chargehand electrician).

Area 4, Wrexham District: Mr. J. E. Mansell (sub-station attendant). *Crewe District:* Mr. H. Cornes (meter reader/collector). *Anglesey District:* Messrs. J. G. Rowlands (joiner's mate) and J. O. Williams (joiner).

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

Head Office: Miss B. A. Hall (engineering draughtswoman) and Mr. J. B. Evans (senior assistant, economics and statistics).

Area 1 Office: Messrs. E. Lee (labourer) and W. H. Wilkinson (4th assistant engineer). *Central District:* Mr. P. Caulfield (assistant—manual records). *South District:* Messrs. G. Hitchmouth (labourer) and A. Wright (sub-station attendant).

Area 2/3, Northwich District: Mr. A. Stewart (District Commercial Engineer). *Chester District:* H. Thompson (sub-station attendant). *North Wirral District:* Miss A. Cain (assistant typing supervisor), Messrs. E. Lowe (watchman) and G. A. White (District Commercial Engineer).

Area 4, Crewe District: Messrs. A. G. Cope (labourer), J. W. Dockery (salesman) and W. M. Jones (meter reader/collector). *Wrexham District:* Mr. A. J. Williams (electrician). *Conway Valley:* Mr. A. Smith (joiner).

Obituary

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Sir Josiah Eccles, C.B.E., M.M., the first Chairman of MANWEB. Born just 70 years ago in Northern Ireland, he graduated from Queens University, Belfast with a B.Sc. After a succession of appointments in the electricity industry, he became the Liverpool City Lighting Engineer in 1943. Five years later he was appointed to the post as Chairman of MANWEB. In 1954, Sir Josiah became the Deputy Chairman of the British Electricity Authority and its successor The Electricity Council. He retired in 1961.

Sir Josiah was awarded the C.B.E. in 1950 and his knighthood in 1957.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. N. Astbury who was an electrician at the Mold Depot in the Clwyd District of Area 4.



"Men from MANWEB"
(See page 186)

Our Cover Picture

As a change from the feminine charmers who have graced 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 Ronald Squires (apprentice electrician).

WEDDINGS



Miss Barbara Hall, centre front, with some of her many friends from the Head Office engineering department and Drawing Office.

DAVIES—HALL

Congratulations to Miss Barbara Hall, a draughtswoman at Head Office and to Mr. Roger Davies of Whitby on the occasion of their recent marriage at St. Barnabas Parish Church, Bromborough. They flew to Yugoslavia for their honeymoon.

Barbara has now left MANWEB to work for the Midlands Electricity Board in Birmingham.

AVERILL—BRATTON

Best wishes for the future to Miss Geraldine Bratton, a saleswoman at our Nantwich Shop and to Mr. Brian Averill, an accountant, who were married recently.

JONES—JONES

The name remained the same when Miss Anne Jones of Conway was married recently to Mr. Merion Wattleworth Jones, an electrician at our Llandudno Junction depot.

His colleagues at work presented the happy couple with a clothes dryer and some pans.

SMITH—GIBSON

Congratulations to Mr. Peter Smith, an assistant instructor, electrical, at the Board's Training Centre in Hoylake and to Miss Margaret Gibson on the occasion

of their marriage which took place a short time ago.

His colleagues at the Centre presented Mr. Smith with an electric blanket.

PENNINGTON—JONES

Our best wishes for the future go to Miss Sylvia Jones, a clerk at Garth Road, Bangor and to Mr. Richard Pennington, an



Mr. & Mrs. Pennington

officer in the Merchant Navy who were married a few weeks ago at Penuel Baptist Chapel in Bangor.

Sylvia's friends at the office presented her with an electric clock as a wedding gift.

FOR SALE

French, German and Italian books. Also a gong.
Offers: Please write Box 01, *Contact*, MANWEB, Head Office, Love Lane, Liverpool 3.

As new, Kodak Instamatic camera complete with case.
Offers: Please write Box 02, *Contact*, MANWEB, Head Office, Love Lane, Liverpool 3.

If you want to buy anything, sell anything or exchange anything drop a line to the Editor and he will arrange for an advertisement to appear in this magazine, free!



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EDITORIAL

Progress 1966-67

FROM a publicity point of view, perhaps, the introduction of the new tariffs has tended to overshadow the Board's Annual Report and Accounts for 1966-67.

This makes it all the more important that every member of the MANWEB staff should be aware of the very real and solid progress which the Report reveals, showing that the forward march of electricity continues, albeit at a slower pace, despite the fact that this was the year of squeeze, freeze and restraint.

For the first time in our 19 years of development, sales of electricity exceeded ten thousand million units, and sales to all classes of consumers—domestic, commercial and industrial were all up. In spite of the exceptionally mild winter, consumption in the average home rose from 3,266 units to 3,339, and the use of cheap off-peak electricity for heating purposes continued to increase in popularity.

While there was a slight dropping off in the sales of domestic appliances, there was a substantial increase in revenue from installation work. £7,500,000 was spent on reinforcing and extending the Board's distribution networks, and there were no failures of supply due to overloading.

"Non-standard" supplies were finally eliminated from the networks, while the Board's planned programme of rural electrification was completed.

These are just some of the salient facts contained in this year's Report. An illustrated summary, in English and Welsh, has been prepared and distributed to all members of the staff. Its careful study will put everyone "in the picture" as far as MANWEB's progress is concerned.

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The new MANWEB Shop in Broadway, Liverpool.

Another Door Opens

The efforts of Mr. D. E. Noad (District Commercial Engineer) to establish a MANWEB shop in the busy shopping centre in Broadway, Liverpool, culminated in the erection of a 60' x 20' temporary building on a site with a short-term lease.

The venture proved a great success when on opening day

recently extra staff was drafted in to meet the rush of customers who bought £675 worth of goods and paid in over £400 in accounts. In the first four weeks, the sales total reached £6,677—just about £5,000 more than the normal average monthly total taken at the shop it replaced at Croxteth.

Members of the staff break from their efforts to get the Shop in shape in time for the opening. From left to right: Mr. J. A. Brown (salesman), Mrs. M. Peek (cleaner), Mr. R. E. Ellis (trainee salesman), Mr. H. Sandys (labourer), Mr. B. J. Snowden (trainee salesman), and Mr. J. Wignall (1st assistant District Commercial Engineer).



Snapped while on duty at the Shop, Miss C. Hodgson (part-time saleswoman) and Mr. K. J. Barry (trainee salesman).



Patricia Best, is a 20-year-old blue-eyed blonde who works as a multilith operator in the Head Office Printing Section. Pat has been married for the past two years and enjoys dancing as a relaxation.

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Christine Bowman a clerk in our North Wirral District Office, is a tall brunette. At 22, courting is one of Chris's main pastimes having been engaged for the past 18 months.



The Girl from Manweb Competition

Christine Janett Paddock is a 20-year-old audio typist based at Crewe District Office. Chris is unattached and has a wide range



of interests ranging from opera to pop. She also likes cooking, swimming and cycling.

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Jacqueline Robson, popularly known as Jackie among her friends at Area 2/3 Office, where she works as a punch-card



operator. She is just 18 and likes art, reading, dancing, pony trekking and mountain climbing.

NO ENTRIES FROM NORTH WALES YET!



Janice Fairclough, a shorthand typist at our Area 1 Office. Jan is 21-years-old, has a boy friend, sings to her own guitar accompaniment and enjoys dancing, knitting and learning Italian.

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Pamela Cooke has light brown hair and dark brown eyes—is 20-years-old—works as a shorthand typist at Area 1 Office—and has a boy friend. Pam likes dancing, ten-pin bowling, knitting and motoring.



A Warm Winter Ahead

As a result of the first impact of the Board's central heating campaign which started a few weeks ago, our sales staff are already beginning to reap the harvest from the seeds sown by the major publicity media throughout the MANWEB area.

The advertising theme "Keep as warm as a Summer's day—All Winter" is being used in all our publicity material — leaflets, window displays, posters on our vehicles and in 900,000 direct mail shots. Press advertisements and MANWEB's largest ever joint television campaign with NORWEB will also feature this strong sales message.

During last year's heating season, there were more electric storage radiator systems installed than any other single method of central heating. With these facts in mind, our colleagues in the Commercial Department will be vigorously endeavouring to keep this lead during the winter months ahead. We can already anticipate a substantial increase in sales this year with the special off-peak tariff staying unchanged at 0.85d. per unit.

Economic running costs and the low installation charges most certainly account for the huge success in the sales of electric storage radiators. A complete electric central heating system can be

installed for less than £150 in the average home giving it protection against Winter's iciest blasts. This initial cost compares very favourably with all the other methods of home heating.

Another great advantage with the electric storage radiators is that the customer may start with partial central heating in his home by having two heaters installed for as little as 53 guineas. He can then judge for himself the true value of electric central heating before buying more radiators to fully centrally heat his home by the clean fuel — electricity.

Another major factor in the popularity of electric central heating is the ease and speed in which it is installed. There are no ugly pipes to paint or cover up, no flues or chimneys required, no boilers to stoke or to feed, and no space required for the storage of fuel. Electric heating means no mess and no dirt, just a neat and simple wiring job, and then a touch of the switch. The rest is done automatically by time and temperature control.

The reasonable initial outlay and the economical running cost are good enough reasons in themselves why everyone should have electric central heating in their homes. There is however another point in that as the radiators are not permanent fixtures should you move house you could also move your central heating to your new home. This fact alone has helped one sector of our community to whom central heating was just a dream—the tenant of a rented home. Most systems are fixtures as soon as they are installed and become the landlord's property, even though the tenant has footed the bill. But with electric storage radiators, things have changed and the radiators go along with the other furniture should the tenant move home.

Three MANWEB Brand storage radiator models are being marketed this season.

The **Sahara** is an attractive two-tone in beige and gleaming sand. Complete with installation, a couple of the 2¼ kilowatt version sell for only 53 guineas.

The **Capri** has a teak effect enamel combined with an off-white front panel. These are a real bargain at 56 guineas for the complete installation of two 2¼ kilowatt models.

The **Bermuda**, shown in the illustration, has an all teak finish and sells at 60 guineas for two, inclusive of installation charges.

There are three kilowatt versions of each of these models — the Sahara at £4.10.0. extra and for the "Capri" and the "Bermuda" an extra £4.



Commercial Campaign

In keeping with the requirements of the Shops and Offices Act, our colleagues in the Commercial Department have instigated a selling

campaign aimed at the 12,000 commercial organisations within the Board's area. The purpose of the campaign is to sell appliances and load and in the process to help improve the efficiency and hygiene in many of this type of premises and to provide better conditions for the staff so that their work output will be improved.

The campaign is being conducted by means of direct mail and four different leaflets are being sent out at fortnightly intervals.

The first of these leaflets, delivered during the last week of September, extols the benefits of electric water heaters as an aid to hygiene, especially in food shops. This was followed by the next leaflet dealing with lighting, and endeavours to show that poor lighting, leads to inefficiency and a risk of errors brought on by early fatigue. The leaflet explains to management that it may be the lighting that is dim and not the staff!

Final Shot

The third mailing shot is partially illustrated on this page. The copy on the leaflet tells the employer how electric storage radiators can provide a central heating system most economically, and will give comfort conditions in which the staff may work. The final shot is a combination of the previous trio of leaflets.

Each of the leaflets will have enclosed a pre-paid postcard for any customer requiring further information. There is also a personal letter from Mr. D. St. C. Barrie (Senior Assistant Commercial Engineer) offering the use of the Board's Commercial Advisory Service.

◀ Frigid fingers are bad for business. In offices and shops work suffers when the staff are cold. But when warmed by electric storage radiators, the staff are kept happy and busy on the job. ▼

You can play it too cool



Hoylake Intake 1967

This year, a total of 73 young men reported to the Hoylake Training Centre to commence their basic craft apprentice course with the Board. Area 1 supplied a quota of 22 who were to undertake training as electricians, Area 2/3 had 20 apprentice electricians and three apprentice electrical fitters and Area 4 sent along 25 future electricians and three trainee electrical fitters.

Only a couple of dozen of the intake found it possible to travel between their homes and the training centre each day, the remaining 49 being looked after by the Hoylake landladies.



Antony Rosenthal

From Southport . . .

Antony Rosenthal, 95 Russell Road, Southport, aged 16, attended Meols Cop Secondary Modern School and joined the Board via the Youth Employment Office. Enjoys a game of football or cricket and his favourite indoor sport is snooker.

an appreciation of art. His brother Edryd served his apprenticeship with the Board, he was at Hoylake about five years ago and now works as a tradesman electrician at the Mill Street depot. Thomas is boarded out at Hoylake with Miss Rogers and is therefore well looked after. Kenneth spent his schooldays at Ardwyn Grammar School in Aberystwyth. He is a competent musician having played the lead guitar in a local group called the 'Shakedown Sounds'. When not making music he enjoys a game of football.

. . . and from Crewe . . .

Peter J. Brookshaw 50 Capensthorpe Road, Willaston, and **Terry Garrett** 65 Stewart



Hard at it, sawing and filing at their bench, left, Peter Brookshaw and right, Terry Garrett.

Street, Crewe. Peter went to Crewe County Grammar School and the fact that his brother John started at Hoylake and is now an electrician in our Crewe District may have persuaded Peter to become an apprentice at the same trade. He likes swimming, hiking and pop music. Terry, who

. . . to Aberystwyth . . .

Thomas A. Jenkins, Tyncastle, Devil's Bridge, Aberystwyth and **Kenneth C. Young**, 'Ucheldir', Llanfarian. Thomas went to Dinas Secondary Modern School in Aberystwyth where he learned



Apprentice Kenneth Young looks over the shoulder of Thomas Jenkins as he works on a lathe under the watchful eye of Mr. E. Coley, a distribution foreman from our North Wirral District who was helping-out at Hoylake as a temporary instructor during the initial training period.

was born in Canada, was at the South Cheshire Central College for Further Education before reporting to Hoylake for craft apprentice training. He is a young man of many hobbies which include swimming, ice skating and camping.

. . . to Holyhead . . .

Owen R. Hughes 12 Lligwy Street and **Eric W. Rowlands**, 18 Tyn Pwll Road, both of



Mr. M. R. Evans (assistant, apprentice instructor-Mechanical) demonstrates the drilling machine to a couple of young men from Holyhead, left, Owen Hughes and centre, Eric Rowlands.

Holyhead. Both went to the Holyhead Technical College and are still together in the same lodgings. Owen likes fishing and gymnastics, Eric enjoys a game of football or cricket.

. . . and not forgetting the Williams'

This year the Williams' outnumbered the Jones' and the Evans' at the Hoylake Training Centre. Our picture shows, from left to right: J. L. from Anglesey, D. J. from Widnes, J. R. from Old Colwyn, C. I. from Mold, R. W. from Farndon and A. W. from Pwllheli.



Here we have the youngest . . .

Leslie P Kay, 15 years and 4 days when he reported for work. Lives at 155 Park Road, St. Helens, and went to School at St. Anselms in the town. Now training to become an electrician. He has an uncle who works for the Board at St. Helens District



Leslie P. Kay

. . . and the oldest



Joseph A. Saul

Joseph A. Saul, the oldest boy on the course, but only by a few days. He was just 17 years old on the 14th September. Lives at 55 Croxdale Road, Liverpool 14. Went to the Cardinal Godfrey High School in Liverpool. He likes angling (not fishing!) and at week-ends enjoys a round of golf.

THINGWALL ROAD CLUB OPENS AGAIN

After the serious fire which extensively damaged the Clubhouse at Thingwall Road, teams of volunteer workers got together to complete a rebuilding project. The results of their free time work and effort was apparent to everyone who went along to enjoy a very successful opening night recently. The pictures on this page give you some idea of what they accomplished, but it is much better for you to go along and see it for yourself!



On Opening Night at the Thingwall Road Clubhouse, our cameraman caught this group of people who did so much to build, clean and decorate the new premises. They are, from left to right: Mr. Danny Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Clarry Jones, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Johnny Robertson, Mr. Bob Thomas, Mr. Ken Woodward and Mr. Reg. Adams.

In the Clubroom

A smoke-laden picture taken at one of the tables.



A general view of the comfortable surroundings in the tastefully decorated Clubroom. New members and their subscriptions are always welcome.



and in the main bar... which is away from the Clubroom

What is an Audiograph?

by Mr. TED ELCOCK (Meter Department, Lister Drive)

Do you own a Tape Recorder? If so, how do you use it? For recording the "Top Twenty"—or maybe baby's first few words—and have you still the one spool of tape you got with the machine...?

There's much more to a tape recorder if you can develop some enthusiasm like we did a couple of years ago in the METER DEPARTMENT at LISTER DRIVE—where MERSEYSIDE TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY was first formed. Things didn't go too well in the beginning, but now we have a couple of dozen members from as far apart as Runcorn, Birkenhead and Southport.

Most of the present members are male but there is a crying need for females in a Tape Club. No, not for making tea—but they are very important when it comes to reading scripts.

What is the purpose of our Tape Club? Well our aim is to be creative if possible, and this we do by making a magazine tape each month for presenting to Old Folks' Homes and for broadcasting to hospitals in the Merseyside Hospital Network.

Which brings me to another point. When "Radio Merseyside" begins in November, we hope to contribute a little bit of the material, for we have been 'out and about' with machines, mains and battery, to capture the "LIVERPOOL SOUND". There have been trips to the Airport

(including a visit to the Control Tower) and interview with a pilot who has just returned from the continent. A visit to Hatton Garden Fire Station Control Room, and the excitement of recording an actual turn out, and recently we had a pleasant evening at the BBC., Piccadilly, Manchester. Whilst some of our members specialise in recording brass bands, others delight in taping choirs, such as Liverpool Girls' Choir, and Olive Mount Senior Mixed Choir.

I like to mix with personalities such as Bill Shankly, Bessie Braddock, Ken Dodd, Sandy Powell and get their voices on tape. And what a handy little machine the new Philips Portable Cassette battery recorder has proved to be!! I use

Tape Recorders are available from MANWEB Shops, ranging from the simple, battery operated, portable Philips Cassette selling at the normal retail price of £28.70., to more sophisticated and expensive models.

it exclusively for interviews. During the summer months, of course, it is battery portable time as there are plenty of sounds around us, like the bird song at Shirdley Hill (near Southport) recorded at 4 a.m.

We are always on the lookout for local sounds to tape so if you think you have something new and interesting—let us know.

Perhaps a retirement—a wedding—a school choir—a party—or even a taped message to someone abroad—if so, get in touch with me at the METER DEPARTMENT, LISTER DRIVE, or at home, 37 Rockbank Road, Liverpool 13. Phone: STO. 4544.

Finally, if you have a tape recorder lying idle, brush away the cobwebs and stand by to enter the competition recently announced by Mr. Michael Hancock, the manager of Radio Merseyside, to be run in conjunction with the Merseyside Tape Recording Society. The contest is based on the theme of **The Mersey Sound**—which can mean any or all sounds characteristic of Merseyside. A trophy will be awarded to the winner and there will be some modest cash prizes and a chance to hear your work broadcast. Further details may be obtained from the writer of this article.

*Audiograph—"Signature in sound".



Mr. Elcock, centre, in a "taping" session with two members of the Society.

SPORTS REPORTS

Golf

A triangular Stableford golf match held recently at Oswestry Golf Club, resulted in a win for Area 4 (average 28.3 points) with Area 2/3 (average 23.5 points) in second place. In third place was Head Office with an average of 22.4 points. The individual winners were Messrs. J. R. Owen and E. M. Lloyd of Oswestry District.

Cricket

After an interesting and successful season, the MANWEB (Chester) team finished as runners-up in Division 1 of the Chester and District Mid-Week Cricket League. Of their 14 games played, they won eight, lost three and drew three.

One member of the MANWEB team, Deannie Griffiths, was credited with making the highest individual score in the League matches, 112 not out made in 20 six-ball overs. His average for the nine innings he played was 32, and with Robin Collier, the team captain, who had an average of 22 in ten innings, was the mainstay of the batting. Bowling honours were shared between Robin Collier, 29 wickets at an average of 7.14 and Cliff Britland with 23 wickets at an average of 8.26.

The Manweb team was a founder member of the League which started with only eight teams in 1963. There are now 28 teams making up the present four divisions, with our Chester men still retaining their hold in Division 1.

Some of the members of the MANWEB (Chester) cricket team taken at the leagues presentation evening held recently. From left to right: Ron Williams, Stephen Warburton, John Smith, 'Deannie' Griffiths, Bev. Johns, Robin Collier (captain), Roly Strange, Roger Youde, Ted Whitehouse, Peter Griffiths and Cliff Britland. All the players in the team who had taken part in three or more matches were presented with medals by the Chester Sports and Social Club.

Picture: "Cheshire Observer"



Bowls

Many spectators went along to the Southport Transport Club grounds to see and enjoy some fine games of bowling as members of our Southport District played their annual match to compete for the "Little Shield".

The tournament was won by Mr. J. Leatherbarrow, a labourer who overcame the



Mrs. Heaton, wife of the Southport District Engineer, presents the "Little Shield" to Mr. J. Leatherbarrow, great handicap of playing off scratch. This was the second time that he has won the shield. His opponent in the final was Mr. M. Baker, an electrician, and the semi-finalists were Mr. J. Heaton, District Engineer and Mr. J. Rimmer, a mains foreman.

PATRON

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the Rt. Hon. Lord Citrine, P.C., G.B.E., LL.D., has honoured us by becoming the PATRON of the Wallasey Electricity Sports and Social Club. His links with Wallasey both as a Parliamentarian and as a member of the Electricity Council cover many years.

Badminton

Members of the Southport Sports and Social Club held a very entertaining evening recently when they organised a badminton tournament.

The first event was a match between the Lords and the Grand. After many successive defeats at cricket and football in recent years, the Lords team took the honours at badminton by winning the match by six games to two. The trophy "The Silver Shuttle" was presented to them at the close of the evening. The teams were as follows:
Lords: Messrs. R. A. Rigby (capt.), A. Pleasant, D. D. Williams, R. M. Brown, R. A. Schollick, J. Rawlings, R. S. Harper and W. H. Aindow.
Grand: Messrs. K. Winrow, D. Pearce, M. Baker, D. Fazackerley, A. Ormerod, R. Newsham, E. Tomlinson and K. D. Young.

The next event was the Ladies' Handicap which was not very well supported, only two entries being received. The result was a win for Mrs. E. A. Tweddle and Miss C. A. Atherton who beat Miss E. Corrin and Miss S. A. Tweddle.

The final games were played to find the champions among the men. As it turned out a lady managed to get in among the prizewinners for at the very last moment, Mr. A. Ormerod's partner had to cry off and Miss D. Hamer, an experienced badminton player in one of the major league teams, stepped into the breach. All players were handicapped, from scratch to minus 15! In the final match, Mr. Ormerod and Miss Hamer were successful against Mr. A. Pleasant and Mr. D. D. Williams.

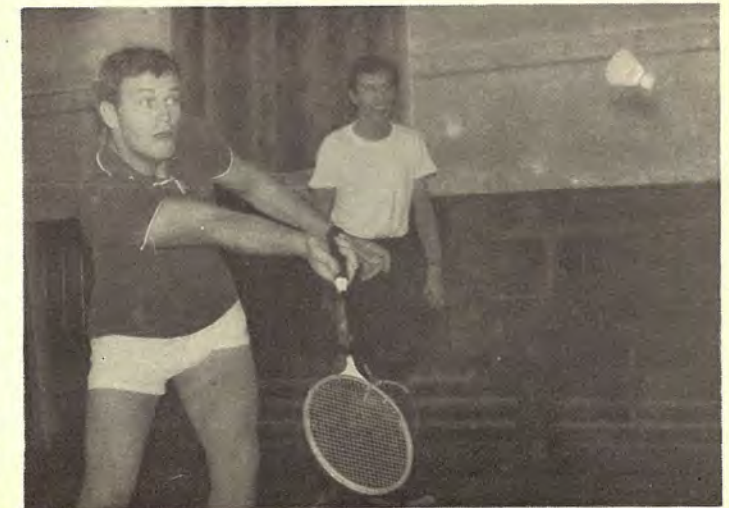
All the prizes were presented by Miss P. A. Hartley, who thanked everyone for helping to make the evening a great success.



Miss P. A. Hartley, centre, presents the prizes to the winners of the Ladies' Handicap event. Miss C. A. Atherton, left, and Mrs. E. A. Tweddle, right.



We don't know whether Miss E. Corrin, above, is trying to swat a fly or if she is making an unorthodox attempt to hit the shuttle gracefully played by Mr. R. Newsham, below. Watching the result is Mr. D. Biggs.



Pension Schemes – Information Service

It is intended to include an article under the above heading, as often as possible, giving general information relating to the Industry's Pension Schemes, and replies to members' queries.

Benefits payable in the event of death in service

A member drew attention to the fact that among his many colleagues at his work location, nobody could tell him (a) what type of benefits would be payable (b) to whom benefits would be payable, and (c) how he could ensure that his wife and/or children would receive the benefits under his pension scheme.

It is proposed to deal, in this first article, with the provisions of the Electricity Supply (Manual Workers) Superannuation Scheme, as the questions referred to above arose in that connection.

The benefits normally paid on death in service are:—

Single Man or Widower—Death Grant.

Married Man—Death Grant and Widow's Pension.

There are exceptions where a married man is not covered for a Widow's Pension in which case a Death Grant only is payable, as if he were a single man.

The exceptions are:—

- (a) When less than ten years' service is reckonable in the scheme at the date of death.
- (b) In the case of a member who entered the scheme before 31st December, 1958, and who at that date elected not to change to the new benefits which included a widow's pension.

(These provisions do not apply at all to Special Members who have been assimilated from pre-vesting schemes and who retain the benefits of those schemes.)

The rates of benefits payable are as follows:—

Death Grant

Single Man or Widower—

- (i) Own contributions with interest
- or (ii) one year's average remuneration,
- or (iii) 3/80ths of average remuneration for each year of contributing service, plus 3/160ths for each year non-contributory service, whichever is the greatest.

Normally (i) applies up to the fifth year of contributing service,

- (ii) applies after the fifth year and before the twenty-seventh year
- and (iii) applies after the twenty-seventh year.

Married Man—

- (i) 1/80th of average remuneration for each year of contributing service, plus 1/160th for each year of non-contributing service.
 - or (ii) the single man's death grant (above) less the capital value of the widow's pension payable.
- Normally (i) applies, unless the widow's pension is very small combined with the fact that the widow is older than the member.

Any member who did not elect to change to the new benefits—

Own contributions with interest.

Widow's Pension

Married Man—1/3rd of the pension accrued to the member at his date of death based on a minimum of:—

- (i) The number of contributing years to normal retirement date
 - or (ii) twenty years contributing service whichever is the lesser.
- (Subject to having completed 10 years reckonable service).

To Whom Benefits are Payable

A Widow's Pension is paid to the widow in her own right immediately after production of a copy of the death certificate to the Area Accountant.

A Death Grant is payable to the estate of the member immediately after production to the Area Accountant of Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration (in a case where no Will has been made). In cases where the Death Grant is less than £100 and no Will has been made payment may be made by the Area Accountant on the completion by the next of kin of a Statutory Declaration Form.

It must be emphasised that if the member wishes to direct the payment of the Death Grant to a specified person or persons he must make provision for these wishes in his Will.

A simple printed form of Will may be purchased from most large stationers, at a reasonable price, and assistance or advice on the completion thereof will be given by the Area Welfare Officer.

It may be necessary where the estate is large or the requests are many to employ the services of a Solicitor to draw up the Will.



Mr. K. Helliwell (Manager, Area 4), standing extreme left, wishes members of the second party a good trip prior to visit to Trawsfynydd . . . in the rain!

Retired Members' Association

Visits to Trawsfynydd

Arrangements for members of the Retired Members' Association (Wrexham Area) to visit the nuclear power station at Trawsfynydd proved to be so popular that our friends at the C.E.G.B. could not meet the demand and had to 'shed load' by having two visits.

The first party set off from Wrexham a few weeks ago in glorious weather, arriving at the power station where they enjoyed an excellent lunch. Then came the conducted tour of the station before having a light tea and setting out for Bettws-y-Coed prior to making the journey back to their respective homes.

Delightful Day

All the members expressed their delight in the day's outing which enabled them to visit places of interest and at the same time enjoy a 'chin-wag' with their friends.

The second party who went on a similar tour shortly afterwards were unfortunate as far as the weather was concerned, being enveloped in pouring rain for most of the day. Even though they did not see as much of the countryside as the first contingent, they did enjoy some very lively and tuneful community singing as the coach went along.

The Retired Members' Association (Wrexham Area) is now really getting well into its stride under the Chairmanship of Mr. Jack 'Meter' Jones. The Secretary is Mr. G. H. Parry (former Cashier at Rhostyllen).

We are asked to announce that those members who have paid their subscriptions (5/- a year) and have not yet received their membership cards would they please contact the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. John J. Myers of the Revenue Department, Area 4 Office, Rhostyllen.

The fortunate first party pose in the brilliant sunshine before setting off on their day trip.



RETIREMENTS

Mr. F. CAREY

A few weeks ago, Mr. Frank Carey, an assistant in the Outside Control section of Area 1 Accounts Department, left the office for the last time as he reached retirement age after serving the industry for the past 47 years.

Before he left, however, his many friends presented him with a number of parting gifts which included a canteen of cutlery, a couple of electric shavers (one battery), and a set of cuff-links.



Mr. F. Carey

Mr. Carey started his working life with the Liverpool Corporation in the Meter Department which was then situated at Hatton Garden. During the war he served in the Army mostly in France and Germany. After this, he returned to work at Lister Drive until 1950 when he transferred to Derby House in the Accounts Department.

In his retirement Mr. Carey enjoys working in his beautiful, neat and well laid-out garden, when he is not walking or reading. He also helps out with the household chores to ease the work on his wife who has been very ill. We join with his friends and colleagues in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Carey many years of retirement together.

Mr. Stewart centre, with Mrs. Stewart, holding bouquet, at the farewell dinner held on the eve of his retirement after a lifetime of service in the electricity supply industry.



Mr. A. STEWART

Starting his working life as an apprentice electrician with the Ipswich Corporation Electricity Department just about 50 years ago, Mr. Adam Stewart retired recently from his post as District Commercial Engineer at Northwich.

On becoming a tradesman in 1922 Mr. Stewart spent a few years with the Air Ministry Works Department before joining the East Anglia Electric Supply Company. In 1946 he joined the Bedford Corporation and two years later became a District Commercial Officer with the Eastern Electricity Board. Shortly after this he came to Northwich to the post he held on retirement.

During his 18 years at Northwich, a great amount of progress has taken place. The number of customers in the District has more than doubled and electricity sales have trebled. The changeover from D.C. to A.C. has been completed and all-electric street lighting has been brought to a number of areas.

Mr. Stewart has represented MANWEB on the Chamber of Trade at Northwich and at Winsford and has served on the Home Safety Committee of the Urban District Council. For 25 years he has done sterling work for the National Savings Movement.

A dinner was held in his honour prior to his retirement and on behalf of the District and Area staff, Mr. S. Fairclough (Commercial Officer, Area 2/3) presented Mr. Stewart with a battery-operated lawn mower. On behalf of the Local Advisory Committee members, Mr. W. W. Makin (District Engineer) made a presentation of a book on gardening and finally, Mr. A. Robinson, on behalf of the Northwich District Sports and Social Club, presented Mr. Stewart with an anglepoise lamp.

Mr. E. ELLIS

On his last day at the office, Mr. Edward Ellis, a consumers' engineer at Wrexham District was given a retirement luncheon by his colleagues who gathered to pay their tributes to his 49 years' service in the industry and to their associations with him. On their behalf, Mr. E. T. Peters (District Manager) presented him with a pair of binoculars as a memento of the occasion.

Mr. Ellis began his career with the Wrexham Corporation Electricity Department and was their Meter Engineer when MANWEB took over



Mr. Ellis, left, receives his parting gift from Mr. Peters.

in 1948. Later he was appointed as a consumers' engineer in the District.

In thanking his friends for their kind thoughts, Mr. Ellis recalled a number of interesting and some amusing experiences during his long career in the supply industry.

Mr. A. E. WILSON

After just over 40 years' service with the Liverpool Corporation and MANWEB, Mr. A. E. "Billy" Wilson retired as he reached his 65th birthday a few weeks ago. The job he retired from was that of chargehand fitter at Area 1 transport workshops at Pumpfields which is a far cry from his first days with the Liverpool Corporation when open fronted trucks and even handcarts were the means of transport.

A well known and very well liked man was how Mr. J. Hill (Area 1 Transport Officer) described Billy, whose conscientious work and helpfulness would be greatly missed. Mr. H. Telfer (Engineer, Area 1) and Mr. A. R. Cooper (Senior Assistant Engineer, Operation) joined with Billy's many colleagues in wishing him many happy years of retirement.

At a special presentation ceremony, Mr. Hill presented Billy with a MANWEB double-sized

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson in the garden of their home in Liverpool.



electric blanket and a fan heater—an apt choice of gifts matching the warmth of affection shown by his colleagues.

Mr. R. W. JONES

A man who for many years has undertaken the translation of the popular summary of the Board's Annual Report into the Welsh language, recently left his job for a life of retirement. The man is Mr. Robert William Jones who has just completed 43 years of working life. He graduated at the University of Swansea and in 1924 joined the staff of the Aluminium Corporation at Dolgarrog. Later he went to the North Wales Power Company as engineer in charge of hydro stations before being appointed as Deputy Meter Test Superintendent and Chief Control Engineer at Legacy. In 1949 he became the Senior Assistant Engineer—Operations for the Board's Area 4, the post he held on his retirement.



Mr. Jones, left, says farewell to Mr. K. Helliwell (Manager Area 4).

A Free University Course for your son or daughter

The Electricity Supply Industry is again offering 48 University Scholarships to boys and girls of outstanding promise who wish to read for degrees in engineering subjects. Twelve of these scholarships are awarded by the Central Electricity Generating Board in mechanical or electrical engineering, and 36 by the Area Electricity Boards, all in electrical engineering. The scholarships provide for the payment of all approved fees plus a maintenance grant of £395 a year at Oxford and Cambridge, £385 a year at London University and £370 at other Universities. In addition scholarship holders may be eligible to apply for a grant of £50 from their Local Education Authority. These combined grants are higher than Local Authority awards and no reduction is made on account of parents' income.

This is the tenth consecutive year of the scholarship scheme. Last year, of the 195 scholars

supported by the Scheme, 119 were on first degree courses and 53 were undergoing postgraduate training. Of the scholars who completed their University course during the past year, 30 gained first or second class honours degrees and a further two obtained postgraduate qualifications. The scholarships are offered to boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 21, with at least three 'A' level passes in subjects which include mathematics and physics. On graduating, scholarship holders will receive practical engineering training with their sponsoring Board.

Full details have been sent to schools with 'A' level students throughout the country. Application forms can be obtained from Head Teachers or, in cases of difficulty, from:

Mr. J. L. W. Ladner,
Education and Training Officer,
Head Office, Love Lane, Liverpool 3.

"HOLIDAY BARBECUE"

Domestic Science teachers from Widnes, Runcorn, St. Helens, Warrington and Frodsham were entertained at a 'Holiday Barbecue' which was staged in the Demonstration Theatre above our Widnes Shop a few weeks ago. They heard an interesting talk and saw demonstrations of cooking and deep freeze before sampling some of the variety of dishes, sweet and savoury, which had been prepared by our staff. The picture shows some of those who took part in this venture, from left to right, Miss M. S. Griffiths (sales demonstrator), Mr. W. A. Blease (salesman), Mrs. L. Blease (sales demonstrator), Mr. C. A. Swift (assistant consumers' engineer), Miss S. J. Clinch (trainee sales demonstrator) and Mr. T. Roddick (salesman).



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