



MADE TO MEASURE

So clear,
so simple

"AN absolutely brilliant scheme! Three cheers! Tell the Gas Board to do the same!" was the written comment of a Kirkby customer, when returning the second page of her "Code of Practice" letter to North Mersey District.

This letter triggers off the procedure under the voluntary code operated by the industry, inquiring whether the customer in arrears falls into one of the protected categories, and alternatively offers specific arrangements to pay arrears and on-going charges.

Smart New Image for

MANWEB Metermen

DURING the past week or so, over 450 of the Board's meter readers, installation inspectors, debt control and security staff have been measured for new "uniform" suits which they will be wearing early next month.

A "one-off" suit was made for Derek Senior from the Mid-Cheshire District—a model meter man, so to speak! We joined him on his round a few days ago, and met Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Bowen, a customer in Weaverham, who recently celebrated her 50-year marriage to husband Herbert.

Mrs. Bowen thought that the suit which Derek was wearing was "really smashing and ever so smart". She didn't comment on the neat identity logo which was on the top pocket, as she knew her Man from

MANWEB very well. She was "pleased to see that the Board was looking after its employees and presenting a very stylish and well-groomed image".

This latest Board issue "uniform" has a very neatly tailored jacket and trousers in a tasteful mid-grey tone. All the individual measurements and the final tailoring of the suits is being carried out by the contractors, Coop and Company, of Wigan.

It was only after months of careful deliberation that members of the Financial Clothing Panel agreed on this particular style and quality of suit.

Each man's complete clothing issue will now consist of one winter suit, in an 18½-ounce material, 65 per cent wool and 35 per cent Terylene, and a summer suit of lighter weight, 11-12 ounces, in 55 per cent Terylene and 45 per cent wool. He will also have a waterproof anorak and overtrousers, for use in the rainy season, and a body-warmer lining to go under the anorak when the weather gets colder.

To add the final sartorial touch, staff have a choice of trilby-style hat or a peaked cap.

When asked why the new uniform package was being introduced, Chairman of the Clothing Panel Mike Metcalfe (Mid-Cheshire District Administrative Officer) commented:

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"Ever so smart," commented Mrs. Elizabeth Bowen, when she was visited by meter operative Derek Senior in his new outfit.

ON THE MOVE

A happy quartet of North Wirral staff packing up at Craven Street in preparation for the big move by North Wirral District to new offices at Prenton. Pictured, left to right, are Dot Lamb, Linda Bradley, Yvonne Thompson and Joan Thomas, all from the Commercial Clerical section.



Cheaper than Gas!

ELECTRIC heating in many homes will, from this month, not only be cheaper to install compared with gas, but cheaper to run as well, John Grear, Domestic Market Officer of the Electricity Council said at the Building Centre, in London.

All fuel costs had been rising, he said, but, over the last two years, electricity's Economy 7 night rates had risen substantially less than other fuels, particularly gas. In the two years to October 1982, gas will have gone up by 70 per cent, whereas the Economy 7 night rate in the same period has risen by only 12 per cent.

The cost-saving advantages of Economy 7, which provides seven hours of night-time elec-

tricity at less than half the price of today's standard domestic rate, were demonstrated for a range of typical homes. The tables made running cost comparisons with gas heating and hot water, and the new edition of the leaflet "Consider These Facts", now available, would show a major price advantage with electric heating costs in smaller typical homes.

Thieves thwarted by shop staff

SHARP-EYED shop staff at Birkenhead prevented thieves getting away with a £20,000 haul when phoney Securicor men tried to trick their way into grabbing the day's takings.

A man wearing a near-perfect Securicor outfit, complete with safety helmet, called in early on Friday afternoon and asked that the money they were to collect should be made ready before the normal time, as they had other calls to make.

When he and his accomplice returned to pick up the cash, it was noted that neither was the

usual man. Ken Williams then checked outside the back door and saw the van which they were driving was not a normal Securicor van. Ken warned Kay Parsonage not to hand over the money and alerted supervisor Julian Jenkins.

Julian challenged the man in the shop and refused to hand over any of the cash until he had checked with Securicor. By the time that he had called the security firm, the crooks had disappeared.

The police were able to warn other organisations and maybe prevent these artful dodgers from pulling another stunt. As yet there have been no arrests.

DELIGHTED DEVELOPERS

TWO housing developers in the Crewe area are delighted in their dealings with our Mid-Cheshire District staff.

They have written, independently, referring to "pleasant help in response to problems we were experiencing," and to "your first class service, enabling us to complete units on time and adhere to our cash flow programme."

Twenty Million

MORE than 20 million leaflets have been distributed in the Electricity Council's "Electricity And You" series since the first "How To Read Your Meter" was published in 1973.

Leaflets in the series are available, free of charge, from Electricity Board shops in all parts of Britain, through welfare and advice centres, and from the "Understanding Electricity" Educational Service for schools. They provide customers of all

ages with information about the wise and economical use of electricity.

The most popular of the 14 leaflets in the series is "A Guide To Running Costs", of which more than four million copies have been distributed. "How To Read Your Meter" and "Plugs And Fuses" have both reached around the three million mark, and four others are well into their second million.

The latest publication in the "Electricity And You" series, a pamphlet, "Advice For Elderly People—Making Life Easier With Electricity", was published last month.

Long Service

WE offer congratulations to the following members of the staff who have completed, during the month of September, 40, 30 and 20 years' service in the electricity supply industry.

40 YEARS: Liverpool District—**Imelda M. Brady** (administrative assistant—Customer Accounts). Head Office—**John Ashley** (administrative assistant—Commercial).

30 YEARS: North Mersey District—**J. Roy Osborne** (System Engineer). Liverpool District—**Benjamin Walkup** (craftsman—jointing). Mid-Mersey District—**William J. Clarey** (2nd engineer) and **Charles F. Oultram** (driver). Mid-Cheshire District—**David Clutton** and **Kenneth S. Massey** (foremen—Engineering). Aberystwyth District—**E. Ivor Evans** (2nd engineer). Head Office—**Charles T. Bentley** (craftsman—electrician) and **John H. Job** (1st engineer—Production Control).

20 YEARS: North Mersey District—**John E. Ashton** (2nd engineer), **William Highton** (craftsman—electrician), **Paul D. Leadbetter** (foreman—Debt Control) and **Derrick Pearce** (craftsman—electrician). Liverpool District—**Kenneth Barfoot** (meter operative), **Christopher P. Kavanagh** (2nd engineer) and **Thomas H. Mullin** (craftsman—electrician). Mid-Mersey District—**Norman Dennett** (craftsman—electrician), **Roderick Goodall** (craftsman—electrical inspection), **William R. A. Peters** (clerk—engineering) and **David Wright** (craftsman—electrician). Dee Valley District—**F. Hilton Roberts** (2nd engineer). North Wirral District—**W. John Appleton** (2nd engineer), **Clive R. Garner** (senior sales representative) and **William J. Hatton** (1st engineer). Mid-Cheshire District—**Robert W. Cooke** (craftsman—installation inspector), **Arthur Elson** (2nd engineer), **David Fisher** (2nd engineer) and **David W. Swindells** (craftsman—electrical fitting). Clwyd District—**Gary G. Jones**, **John H. Powell** and **Arthur E. Salisbury** (craftsman—electricians). Gwynedd District—**T. Hefin Roberts** (craftsman—jointing). Head Office—**Ian Baird** (senior executive officer—Revenue), **G. Stuart Barker** (principal assistant—Revenue), **Robert S. Cochrane** (2nd engineer—Prenton), **Peter Edwards** (2nd engineer—Technical), **Arthur J. Ellinson** (Management Services Officer), **Roger S. Glover** (1st engineer—Load Development), **Peter J. Ladyman** (storekeeper—Queensferry), **Arthur J. Mackrell** (1st engineer—Technical) and **Philip E. Swift** (craftsman—Technical).

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New look uniforms

"The old uniform, in a dark heavy material, has remained with us—unchanged—for a considerable number of years. We have, lately, begun to experience problems with the quality of cloth, style and fit of the suits.

"Members of the Clothing Panel considered that the meter-reading staff, as the Board's representatives most often seen by our customers, should be provided with better quality and more up-to-date uniforms. With the help of colleagues in the Plant Supplies section, we looked at various items of clothing in order to fulfil our aim at the most

reasonable cost," he continued.

"The new uniform has emerged after much discussion and constructive criticism by all members of the Panel which included representatives from the meter reading staff in each of the Board's Districts.

"It is always difficult to single out individuals in what has been, very much a team effort," concluded Mr. Metcalfe. "However, I should like to pay tribute to Walter Jones, a principle assistant in the Revenue section, for his sterling efforts to ensure the success of this new clothing issue."

Among the Board's meter reading staff are two female operatives, Jean Potts and Margaret Roberts, both working in



Tailor Terry Davies, left, shows a finished jacket to Mike Metcalfe.

the Dee Valley District. They will be selecting their own 'suits'

to match the outfits being worn by their male colleagues.

The Light Blues

A new range of overalls and two-piece worksuits in a light-blue shade will soon be issued to replace the protective clothing at present worn by the engineering staff.

North Wirral District Engineer Dick Owen, as Chairman of the Engineering Clothing Panel, told us that all employees entitled to overalls and two piece suits will be free to make their own choice of which to have.

"The next issue of linesmen's suits will be made of polyurethane-coated nylon material and have a separate quilted body-warmer similar to those in use by CEBG staff," he went on. "The Panel will, of course, continue with field trials on other types of protective clothing for our staff."

Hinckley 'C' next?

AFTER carrying out lengthy investigations into possible power station sites in the South West, the Central Electricity Generating Board has announced that the next planning application to be made will be for land adjoining existing power stations at Hinkley Point in North Somerset.

The proposed new station would be known as Hinkley Point "C", and both PWR and AGR nuclear designs are being considered. Such a development would involve upgrading some existing 275-kV lines up to 400-kV.

The Board is also involved in discussions with the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority over the possibility of a new nuclear station at Winfrith Heath, Dorset, adjacent to the existing UKAEA research establishment.

The CEBG add that, if satisfactory progress can be made in respect of these two sites, they do not need to proceed further with sites previously under investigation at Luxulyan, Cornwall, and Herbury, near Weymouth.

Why Sizewell 'B' film

A NEW colour film which runs for just over 20 minutes, communicates in simple, everyday language, why the CEBG wants to build Sizewell B—a Pressurised Water Reactor power station—alongside the existing Sizewell A Magnox station in East Anglia.

Background information is well portrayed on the existing station, the need for more nuclear power, 'alternative' sources of energy (wind, waves, solar), the specific advantages of the Pressurised Water Reactor—cost of building and operating, and how it works.

Why Sizewell was chosen, local benefits (business, jobs, roads) and landscaping are further aspects covered. Reference is made to the many features and procedures specifically designed for operational safety.

Sizewell B nuclear power station would be a sound investment for electricity consumers, and would be to the economic advantage of the country.

The film, suitable for viewing by a broad cross-section of the general public—which includes schoolchildren from 12 years upwards—is available on free loan, in 16 mm or on video cassette, from The Film Library, CEBG, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, London



Weddings

HOLLIS—WHITTLE

BEST wishes for a happy future together go to Kenneth Hollis and Jean Whittle on their recent marriage. The bride, Jean, is a clerical assistant in the Head Office Commercial Department,



Picture by Mike Hall

Kenneth and Jean Hollis

and the groom, Kenneth, is an industrial chemist with ICI.

The ceremony took place at All Saints' Church, Hoole, Chester, with the reception at Green Acres Hotel, Upton. The happy couple left for a honeymoon in the sun on the Island of Minorca.

GEDDES—GOCHER

OUR congratulations go to a MANWEB couple who were married recently. Alan Geddes, a display assistant, and Helen Gocher, a mailing clerk, both at Head Office, tied the knot at St. Mary's Church, Bagillt. The reception was held at Springfield Hotel, Halkyn.

Helen, who is 19, and Alan, 23, left on honeymoon to tour around Wales, ending up back



Picture by H. Maddock

Alan and Helen Geddes

at their new home in Sandycroft. Father of the groom is Eric Geddes, a senior stores inspector in the Stores Accounts Section at Sealand Road.

Crossword winners and solution

OUR last crossword competition must have proved rather difficult for most of our addicts, for we only received a handful of entries. Of these, only two were found to be all-correct, and the £5 prizes go to Ronald Furlong, a retired member of the North Wirral District staff, and to Bert Udall, from the Technical section at Head Office.

SOLUTION

Across
7 Delilah, 8 Berries, 10 Pigeon, 11 Epicures, 12 Thai, 13 Permanence, 14 Investments, 19 Botticelli, 22 Iron, 23 Primrose, 24 Puking, 25 Beloved, 26 Grandee.

Down
1 Delight, 2 Limekiln, 3 Catnip, 4 Heritage, 5 Grouse, 6 Defence, 9 Deerstalker, 15 Encloses, 16 Thinking, 17 Soirees, 18 Counsel, 20 Tampon, 21 Impart.

50 YEARS WED

CONGRATULATIONS go to Mr. Ernie Haigh, of High Street, Skelmersdale, and his wife Ethel, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Ernie, who is 75, worked for MANWEB at Aberystwyth as a labourer and joiner's mate, prior to his retirement 11 years ago—"happy years" as Ernie describes them. Mr. and Mrs. Haigh formerly lived at Borth.



Members of the Financial Clothing Panel, from left to right, standing: Derek Senior (Mid-Cheshire), Frank Threadgold (Liverpool), Mike Metcalfe, Chairman, (Mid-Cheshire), George Shoemsmith (North Mersey), Stan Quayle (Liverpool), Charles Banson (North Wirral), Walter Jones (Head Office) and Jim Kelly (North Mersey). Seated: Eric Evans (Clwyd), Tom Ebenezer (Aberystwyth), Norman Mason (Oswestry), Gruffydd Jones (Gwynedd) and Ron McCartney (Mid-Mersey). Dee Valley District representative Bill Clegg was on holiday when our picture was taken.



At District Office we see, from left to right: Sharon Pritchard, Mabel Winterburn, Eryl Griffiths and Joyce Morris.

Commercial Work Control clerk Jean Jones.



Around the Shops

BANGOR Extra-smart staff Ceri Simkiss and newly-appointed senior salesman Ian Jones.



Engineering and Commercial co-operation between Ariel Thomas, left, and Frank Ellis.

FOUR PAGE FEATURE ON GWYNEDD DISTRICT



BLAENAU FFESTINIOG Salesperson Eirwen Jones, left, seen here with the busy lady who keeps the shop and depot spick and span, cleaner Mary Roberts.



CAERNARFON Caught in a quiet moment, Menai Owen and Adrian Philip Jones.



In the Load Development section, Norman Jones, left, and Frank Littler.

COVERS an area of 812 square miles, with a staff of 340 serving 73,838 customers, of whom nearly 60,000 are domestic. During the last financial year, appliance sales brought in £1,037,400, contracting accounted for £425,000 and 619 million units were sold. Throughout the District there are 7,093 transforming points and close on 5,000 kilometres of mains—overhead and underground—in operation. The Group Manager is Glyn Dodd and the local officers are A. Russell Shaw (District Engineer), Douglas J. Willacy (District Commercial Engineer) and Keith E. Jones (District Administrative Officer).



HOLYHEAD Tony Gaynor and Eileen Jones—their story is on page four!



Filling up a Llangefni garage. From left to right: David Jones, Matthew Jones and Ted Hughes.



At the Pwllheli depot, Austin Jones (foreman), left, and Robin Jones (storekeeper).



Stores staff at Llangefni, Gordon Barlow, left, and Griff Davies.

PWLLHELI Extra-careful staff, from left to right: Lynn Pritchard, Dewi Griffiths and Dilys Jones.



PORTHMADOC A welcoming smile from Lol Williams, who rings up another sale.



LLANGFNÍ Our happy trio, from left to right: supervisor "O.I." Jones, Elaine Jones, the attractive Radio Rentals representative, and Reg. Smith.



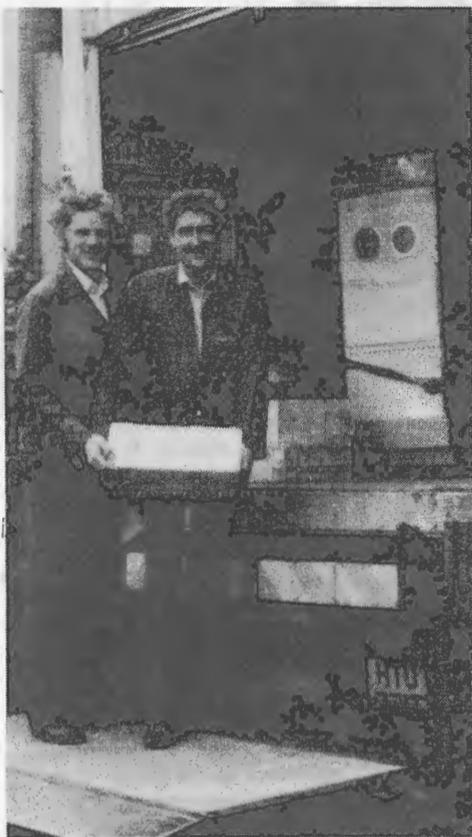
Engineering and Commercial staff at LLANGFNÍ.





At the end of their day's work, our cameraman pictured the delivery teams, from left to right: Dafydd Roberts (electrician), Bryn Williams (driver), Brian Gayther (electrician) and Elwyn Davies (driver).

Snapped on the tailboard of their delivery vehicle, John Ifor Hughes (electrician), left, and Oliver Edwards (driver).



They deliver the goods

A NOVEL idea has been instituted in Board's shops throughout the Gwynedd District, with a neatly framed picture showing the appliance delivery teams with their vehicle.

The original suggestion came from the teams themselves and it was just to show a photograph of their vehicle. They said that, on some jobs, access to customers premises was impossible for their large vans containing the domestic appliances to be delivered.

They thought that when a customer in our shops ordered a cooker or fridge, etc., they should be shown a pic-

ture of the vehicle and then say whether it could reach their homes without any difficulty.

Doug Willacy (District Commercial Engineer) acted on this good idea and he decided to include the drivers and electricians on the picture as an additional public relations exercise in introducing Men from MANWEB to our customers visiting the shops.

TREASURE HUNT

ABOUT 25 members of the Gwynedd District staff and their families and friends took part in a car treasure hunt, organised by Bryn Williams, a clerk in the Customer Accounts section.

All—eventually—ended up

in a Beddgelert hotel, where the winners, Pauline Jones and Sylvia Lloyd, both from Engineering section, received their awards.

Even though everyone finished and solved all the clues correctly, someone had to be last. This time it was Nerys Thomas (Customer Accounts) and her husband, Charles, who have the dubious honour of organising the next event.

Across the sea from Ireland



THERE has been a considerable increase in business through the Board's shop at Holyhead. Sales of small appliances have shot up.

On investigation as to why this was happening, seemingly only at Holyhead, it was discovered that a remarkable number of their customers had an Irish accent.

Apparently, hoards of visitors were coming over on day-trip shopping sprees—their money goes further over here. Seeing the attractive display of food mixers, sandwich toasters and other small domestic appliances in our shop, in they flock to buy.

From the beginning of April to the end of July this year, sales have jumped 68 per cent on the corresponding period last year.

P.S.—On the day our reporter arrived at the shop, business was very slack indeed—Sealink was on strike!

Welcoming the Irish invasion at our Holyhead shop are Tony Gaynor and Eileen Jones.



Two of the picture painters, Cecil Luckman, left, and Gwyn Jones, are pictured themselves as they discuss their hobby. Third man, Gwilym Hughes, was on holiday when our camera clicked!

FOR ART'S SAKE

GWYNEDD District proudly boasts of three talented artists on their staff.

Gwyn Jones—a craft attendant, overhead lines, has worked for the Board for the past 30 years. His wife started him out on the painting trail by getting a "starter set" with cigarette coupons!

"I only use oils," he told us. "You can cover up a lot of mistakes with oil paints!"

TRIP OF A LIFETIME —CANCELLED

THE Falklands crisis put an abrupt stop to a most interesting trip planned by Miw Owen, a clerk in the Admin. section at Caernarfon.

She was to accompany her daughter, Einir Wyn, on a visit to Patagonia, where she was to sing at a number of venues in Buenos Aires. She was also booked to adjudicate at the "Foot of the Andes Eisteddfod", at Esquel.

It was only a matter of hours before they were due to fly out that they were told that the trip was off.

Einir, who is a primary schoolteacher, has a beautiful soprano voice and is adept at playing the Welsh harp.



Miw Owen at work.

Miw told us that her daughter was singing in tune when she was just two years old. This seemed quite natural, as both Mum and Dad's side of the family have histories as Welsh singers.

From being a child, Einir has won many trophies, starting in 1962, with a win at the League of Youth Eisteddfod at Ruthin. She has been successful on four occasions at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod and has won half a dozen times at the Urdd and National Eisteddfod of Wales.

Einir has over 150 trophies and has represented Wales in the Celtic Nations Festival and the International Youth Festival. She has also sung in England, France, Germany, Holland and Nigeria.

Miw and talented daughter, have now booked another trip, with Einir being engaged to sing in... guess where... Israel!

PROMOTED

CONGRATULATIONS go to John Michael Owen on his recent promotion to foreman in the District Engineering section.

His wife, June, was a former clerk in Customer Accounts section at Caernarfon, prior to leaving to start a family.

tainly get a different slant on what is happening here in Great Britain," he commented.

Cecil Luckman—from the Debt Control section, has been in the industry for the past 34 years. He was with Norweb before moving to Holyhead, then to Llangefni and, finally, to Caernarfon.

"I have always dabbled with painting—mostly oils—as more of a hobby than anything else," he said. "I was fortunate to build up to an exhibition in the Holyhead Library some time ago. This was a great thrill for me."

Cecil gives most of his finished works to his friends—who always remain his friends!

Gwilym Hughes—a craft attendant, has been with the Board for the past 29 years. His interest in sketching started when he was at school, but he only took up painting about 12 years ago. He works in oils and specialises in landscapes.

Gwilym has never run his own show, but has participated in exhibitions staged around the neighbourhood by the art class which he now attends in his home village of Waenfawr.

Memorable visit to

'Buck House'

AS representative of Arfon Borough Council, the current Mayor, Councillor Francis Jones, J.P., resplendent in topper and tails, recently spent a day as a guest at a Royal Garden Party held at Buckingham Palace.

Francis, an engineering foreman at St. Helens Road, and a staunch member of the Labour Party, was accompanied on the visit by his wife Jennie, the Mayoress.

"When I walked into the Palace itself and saw the splendour and magnificence of the surroundings, I could not help but think of a 90-year-old lady I regularly visit as a constituent," commented Francis. "The purple and gold disappeared as I pictured her small, neat home, with its two rooms down and one up, and the welcoming cup of tea!"

"It was an enjoyable experience at 'Buck House', but it only helped to strengthen my resolve to use my office and membership of both County and District Councils to better the lot of the elderly, disabled and others less fortunate than ourselves. I did hear that, among the many hundreds of people milling around were The Queen, Prince Philip, Prince Charles and the Duke and Duchess of Kent."

Francis is now well into his year of office as Mayor, and is giving valuable service to the Borough. He is also kept busy as Chairman of the Llanberis Community Council.

We hope that both Francis and his wife, Jennie, will find their year a most rewarding experience.



Pictured at Buckingham Palace we see the very smart Mayor and Mayoress of Arfon Borough Council, Francis and Jennie Jones.

IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

THE Anglesey Handicapped Children's Playschool have had a windfall of £500 donated by the organisers of the "It's A Knockout" competition held recently at Llangefni.

Members of the Gwynedd District Sports and Social Club made up a team to join six others from various organisations in the area to compete in this second annual event. They also provided the idea for one of the games in the competition.

Special guest for the day was Welsh TV personality Gari Williams from *Pobl y Cwm*.

After all the fun—the MANWEB team came in fourth place, although they did win one game!—a barn dance was held in the evening at Llwyn Ednyfed farm.

The Board's representatives were Eirian Anglesea, Hefin Pritchard, Gwyneth Thomas, Nerys Thomas and Bryn Williams (all from Customer Accounts), Nigel Hughes (Drawing Office), Rozalind Parry (Work Control), with Defek Midwinters and Philip Williams (Associate Members).



Gorsedd trumpeters Eifion and Gareth Hughes, in their magnificent ceremonial costumes.

Official Trumpeters

THE honour of playing the "Corn Gwlad"—trumpet fanfare—at ceremonies held for the Chairing and the Crowning of the Bards at the National Eisteddfod, held recently at Swansea, fell to Gareth Hughes, a clerk in the General Services section at Caernarfon, and his brother, Eifion.

A few weeks earlier, the brothers were present to play a fanfare at another splendid ceremony, a little nearer home. This time it was to proclaim that a site at Llangefni was to be prepared in readiness for the 1983 Eisteddfod.

Some years ago, the official Gorsedd trumpeters were recruited from the Band of the Welsh Guards. Later, it was passed on to the Deiniolen Band, of which Eifion is a member.

He was chosen to play, and he asked his brother to join him about four years ago.

Gareth has played tenor horn with the Llanrug and District Band for the past seven years.

MUM AND DAD TO BE

AFTER 16 years with the Board at Caernarfon, Eirlys Hughes is leaving her job as load development demonstrator, to start a family.

Liz joined the staff straight from Aston College in Wrexham, and soon became very well-known and appreciated by colleagues and customers throughout the Gwynedd District.

She married MANWEB electrician Delwyn Hughes in 1971. He too joined us from school, to serve his apprenticeship in Bangor. He has worked for the Board for over 20 years.

Their many friends wish them both every happiness in the future, and an especially joyful day around 17th November!



Peter and Carol Griffiths.

Wedding Bells

COLLEAGUES and friends congratulate Peter Griffiths, a clerk in Customer Accounts

section at St. Helens Road, and Carol Ann Roberts, a sales assistant, who were married at Llanberis Church, Caernarfon, a short time ago.

The happy couple, in their spare moments, are busily working on their new home.



Awaiting the happy event, Eirlys and Delwyn Hughes.

HORSE-POWER HOBBY

FOR a rewarding—yet sometimes expensive—hobby, Will Owen, a driver at the Llangefni depot, swops the horse power of the vehicle he uses at work for the grace and power of half a dozen real horses at his stables in Llangefni.

Will, who has been with the Board for the past 33 years, started breeding horses about 20 years ago. "I soon realised that I would have to keep working in order to keep them!" he said.

All the family—his wife,

Elizabeth, their daughter, Jean (a former typist with the Board), and their two sons, Gareth and Brian—all help out at the stables with the grooming, training and the "mucking out".

Will's horses have won scores of cups and trophies over the years. His favourite at the moment is Sharosa, an Anglo-Arab horse who, in this season alone, has collected many awards at local shows. In the Pwllheli show, she beat her father, to become show champion at the Anglesey Show; she won another First and was adjudged as Reserve Champion.

"Sharosa has won in every show this year," Will told us. "I am delighted, because I bred her myself. Her father, whom she beat, is the son of The Shah, about the best Arab horse in the country."

Show champion "Sharosa" with Will and his wife, daughter and grandchildren.

(Picture: North Wales Weekly News)



Mobile Canteen

Hail, rain, snow or shine, the mini mobile canteen is taken on its rounds by Alice Usher or one of her colleagues from the canteen. Our picture shows Alice, left, supplying the tea and goodies for Sioned Roberts and Ann Owen.



INTO RETIREMENT

OVER the past few weeks, Gwynedd District has lost quite a number of staff through retirements—some, unfortunately, because of ill-health. This feature would not be complete without our acknowledging their service to the industry.

Mr. W. H. BLUNT

STARTING work as an apprentice with the former Bangor Corporation Electricity Department 41 years ago, Wilfred Blunt has now elected for early retirement from his post as 2nd engineer assigned to the Anglesey section.

For a while, he served in the Royal Navy and became a Commander engaged on mine-sweeping duties.

On his return to Bangor, he worked in the meter test section, prior to transferring to Caernarfon. He was then successively with the Llanberis Operations section and the Bangor section, until 1972, when he took the appointment from which he now retires.

Wilf is still keen on the sea, and is Commander of Beaumaris Sailing Club.

Mr. A. ELLIS

FOLLOWING war service in the RAF as a radio technician, Aneurin Ellis joined the electricity supply industry. That happened 35 years ago, and most of this time he has spent at Pwllheli on operations in the Porthmadog section. He has now taken early retirement from his post as 2nd engineer.

Aneurin still has an interest in radio, as he is a short-wave enthusiast.

Mr. D. JAMES

FRIENDS at Holyhead wish a happy retirement to Dorothy James, a cleaner at the shop for the past eight years.

Mr. G. JONES

ILL-HEALTH brought about the premature retirement of Gwilmor Jones, an engineering foreman based at the Llangefni depot.

He began his career with the former Holyhead Corporation as a joiner, and transferred to the Anglesey District of MANWEB shortly afterwards. He has helped in connecting many services during the massive North Wales Rural Development programme and supervised cable-laying and jointing operations in many sections on the island.

Mr. T. W. JONES

A SHOP steward for many years and a very active and helpful member of the Benevolent Society, Thomas Wyn Jones, a meter operative, has now had to retire on ill-health grounds.

During his 26 years' service, Tommy became very popular with his colleagues, through his dedication and hard work.

A keen snooker player, he can now only watch, because a war-time injury has caught up with him.

Mr. R. OWEN

A COMMERCIAL foreman based at Pwllheli, Robert Owen has now retired after completing 36 years' service in the industry.

After working as an electrician at Cammell Laird Shipbuilders during the war years, Bob joined the former North Wales Power Company at Pwllheli. Shortly after the industry was nationalised in 1948, he became an installation inspector and was appointed as foreman in 1959.

Mr. R. PARRY

JOINING the Board in 1967 as an assistant storekeeper at the Llangefni depot, Bob Parry took on the mantle as storekeeper five years later, the job from which he has now retired.

He has much to keep him busy, for he is a local councillor and he also plays the organ at his chapel.

Mr. A. PRITCHARD

ANOTHER long-serving member of the Board's staff, Alan Pritchard, a draughtsman at St. Helens Road, has recently retired through ill-health.

He began his career as a trainee with the former Bahgor Corporation. During the war years, he served with the RAF as an electrician, and spent some of his time in South Africa.

Alan returned to work in the Drawing Office at the old Bangor depot and, when this closed down in 1970, he moved to Caernarfon.

He has a great interest in sailing.

Mr. W. H. MORRIS

AN interesting personality who has now opted for early retirement from his job as installation inspector is Hubert Morris, from Llanberis.

When he started his apprenticeship in 1935, with the former North Wales Power Company at Caernarfon, his father, R. O. Morris, also worked for the company at Llanberis.

On the outbreak of war in 1939, Hubert, as a member of the Territorial Army was immediately drafted into the Royal Welch Fusiliers. Later he transferred to the Royal Engineers and spent six months in the frozen wastes of Iceland in the Arctic Circle. Then it was off to the intense heat of climate and battle in the Middle East, until he was able to return home via France.

Back to work with the Power Company and, in 1948, he transferred to MANWEB and, a short time afterwards, was appointed as installation inspector.

Hubert lives in the house built with stone quarried by his father in 1900. The cost of the house at that time was about £150. Best roof slates—1,500 of them—cost just under £18! In his youth, Hubert planted hundreds of rhododendrons and azaleas in a section of the 3½ acres of land behind the family home. In the mid-1950s, he planted 1,500 young trees—spruce, larch and white pine—in about three acres of the land. Today he has a forest!

Since his retirement from his daily work with the Board,



Hubert Morris, hard at work on the massive clearance programme in the grounds of his home at Llanberis.

Hubert has been fully engaged on a massive clearance programme around his lovely garden, where the flowering shrubs have multiplied at an alarming rate. *May your scythe be ever swinging and sharp, Hubert!*

At LLANGEFNI...

Colleagues gather round at the Llangefni depot to pay their respects to Gwilmor Jones, a foreman, on the occasion of his early retirement.



Gwilmor Jones

... PWLLHELI...

A farewell ceremony was held at the Pwllheli depot for Aneurin Ellis, when he retired from his post as 2nd Engineer on the Porthmadog section.



Aneurin Ellis

... and CAERNARFON

Friends at District Office give a good "send-off" to Wilf Blunt on his retirement after 41 years' service.



Wilf Blunt



Stuart Hall, right, seen here with Ben Dawson, Chairman of the Chester Pensioners' Association, after the recording of the BBC radio quiz show "Three in a Row" at the Gateway Theatre, Chester. The programme will be broadcast on the first two Saturdays in October.

(Picture by George Green, "Evening Leader")

CHESTER PENSIONERS

CLOSING events in a busy year's calendar for the Chester and Head Office Retired Staff Association include a visit to Harewood House (October 7th) and a trip to a cloth mill in Manchester during November. The special Christmas dinner/dance will be on December 8th. Summer activities have included a trip to Newby Hall, Harrogate and to Pilkington's glass museum at St. Helens. A few days ago, a coachload set off for Dinorwic power station.

The Association arranges monthly meetings at Head Office with speakers of interest. Membership is open to all retired employees of the electricity

industry living in the Chester area. The diligent secretary is Del. Hall, 127 Hartington Street, Handbridge, Chester (Phone: 676933) who will give you any information you may require.

MID-MERSEY PENSIONERS

Our ever-active group from the Mid-Mersey Pensioners' Association have enjoyed a number of well-organised outings during recent months.

After a scenic tour of North Wales, with a call at the Dinorwic power station, their next trip took them to the Lakes.

Last month, the indefatigable group had a day's sight-seeing tour around the City of Coventry.



MANWEB TOURNAMENT

HEAD Office marketing assistant Andy Critchley, won the MANWEB Golf Society Tournament at Llangollen recently. He beat 39 other competitors in the Stableford contest.

A five-handicap golfer, he went round in 74—two over par—giving him a total of 38 points. Oswestry District's Tony Parsons was the runner-up, two points behind, with former Society captain Reg Bramhall, from Mid-Mersey, third with 35 points.

NEARLY THERE

MANWEB golfers missed a trip to Gleneagles for a national golf final by just a few points. They



The MANWEB team that competed in the Regional Finals of the Grand Met Tournament with the company's regional director. Left to right: John Hill, Peter Mills (Grand Met), Kevin Gee and Andy Critchley.

finished second in the regional final at the Southport and Ainsdale course in the Grand Met Catering sponsored tournament.

The contest for firms employing over 150 staff was played in six rounds and followed by the regional final. Captain Kevin Gee had a colleague from Head Office, Andy Critchley, and Malcolm Cooper from Mid-Cheshire in the team for the first six rounds. John Hill from Mid-Mersey stood in for Malcolm in the Regional final.

The Stableford contest was

won by British Nuclear Fuels, who went through to the national final.

COUNTY WINNER

THE exclusive Eaton Golf Club, on the Duke of Westminster's Estate, was the setting for the final of the Cheshire Counties Scratch Foursome Tournament.

MANWEB golfer Kevin Gee and his Upton Golf Club partner won the championship, in a sudden death play off on the 19th hole. A magnificent trophy and some valuable prizes were their reward.

Below, proudly displaying the Hill Crest Challenge Trophy which he won at the Holywell Golf Club, Howell Watson's win took off four strokes from his 18 handicap.



Tennis in Germany

TWO Men from MANWEB met in the final of a tennis tournament held recently in Germany. Wayleave executive officer Ken Sinclair and his partner were beaten by principal assistant—Welfare Gren Roberts and his partner, at Hemer, a town at the edge of the Ruhr Valley.

Eight players from Brymbo tennis club were invited to Hemer, the twin town of Wrexham, for a seven-day visit. It was in return for one which the German club paid to Wales two years ago, and is part of the twinning activities.

The Brymbo players stayed in the homes of their partners, and Gren was guest of student Jurgen Rheimann. "The hospitality was wonderful," Gren told us. "Everything was first-class; Jurgen and his parents made me very welcome and we got by,

despite the language problem."

Ken's host was Director of Sport Werner Hartmann. "What a magnificent club—there are two indoor courts and eight outside. The club bar was free to us all week, which was really appreciated by some members of the party." Ken grinned, and let his eyes drift in the direction of Gren Roberts.

The tournament itself was men's doubles, with a Welshman and a German partnering each other. Sightseeing and a civic reception helped seal a very

pleasant visit. Gifts were then exchanged, and Ken Sinclair, on behalf of the Brymbo club, gave the Hemer team a mounted slate fan. It was a beautiful test



Ken and Gren

piece which a slate apprentice has to make at the end of his ten-year apprenticeship—the same length of time that the towns had been twinned.

Plynlimon Ramble

PAST walks arranged by Aberystwyth Sports and Social Club have been whole-day treks, but recently it was decided to try an afternoon hike to tempt the less dedicated (or less fit!).

The ruse seemed to work, because 15 members and friends set off on an overcast Sunday afternoon to walk from Dyffryn Castell (an inn on the Llangurig road) over the top of Plynlimon

to Nant-y-Moch.

Dual obstacles of mist and bog were overcome, and everyone made it to the top. A quick scramble down the trackless mountainside brought the party down to the coach on the track leading to Llyn Llygod Rheidol—waiting to take them home

The outing was arranged by Tomos Davies, on a route suggested by Maldwyn Evans.

Aberystwyth hikers rest a while and pose for a picture.



John Scudamore says "So long, Sport" to "Digger" Ince.

Ian's Aussie bound

AFTER 33 years' service to MANWEB, wayleave officer Ian Ince has decided to emigrate to Australia. He, his wife Margaret and two sons, are now winging their way to a new life in Townsville, an attractive town on the Queensland Coast.

Ian joins his brother, who has lived in Australia for many years, and intends to go into the mining business. The decision to emigrate came from the Inces after they had spent the holiday of a lifetime "Down Under".

Ian told us: "Margaret and the boys went out before me, and I joined them for six weeks. When it was time to come home, none of us wanted to. We decided to return home and make plans to live out there. I think everything is going for us; the standard of living will be higher, the weather is warm and there are lots of things to do—fishing, diving and visiting the islands of the Barrier Reef."

Ian has been a salesman and shop supervisor in Liverpool

and North Wirral, and latterly was wayleave officer for the 11-kV network in Liverpool, North Mersey, North Wirral and part of Clwyd.

Away from work, Ian's great passion has been rugby football and, until recently, he was the chairman of Liverpool Rugby Union Football Club—which, for addicts of the oval ball, is almost as mighty a name as the other Liverpool team that plays at Anfield.

On behalf of his many friends and colleagues, Board Secretary John Scudamore presented Ian with a superb watch, which was digital and analogue, was waterproof and had umpteen other functions, and added his good wishes for a happy new life.

FREE ADS.

HOUSES FOR SALE

Kinnerton, near Chester, 4-bedroomed detached house, with full central heating, cavity wall insulation, double-glazing, fitted carpets throughout, fully-tiled bathroom and shower unit. Downstairs cloaks, through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, utility room plumbed for auto-washer. Wrought-iron balustrade to stairs. Price £27,000 for quick sale. Telephone Gordon Phillips on Kinnerton 660859 evenings.

Gt. Sankey, Warrington, 3-bedroomed semi-det. house, with hall, lounge, dining room, fully fitted kitchen with split-level cooker and waste-disposal unit, bathroom and separate w.c. Gas central heating and garage. Built 1971 by Charles Halton Ltd. Price £29,500 inc. carpets. Telephone Penketh 6616.

FOR SALE

MGB GT, April 1978. MoT to September 1983. Taxed. Zeibart rust-treated, glass sunshine roof. Excellent condition for only £2,895. Phone: Rossett 570071.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we report the deaths of the following former colleagues:—

Mrs. E. L. Joan Antrobus, who retired in 1978 from Head Office Revenue section. Her husband Jim is a principal assistant in the Salaries section and son Graeme works in Plant Supplies at Head Office.

Mr. John Harrison, aged 88, a labourer at Warrington prior to his retirement.

Mr. George E. Tandrill, aged 53, a general duties assistant in the Dee Valley District.

Mr. Harold Walton, aged 81, a former jointer based at the Runcorn depot.

We extend our sincere sympathy to their families.

RETIREMENTS

Farewells to friends and colleagues

Mr. H. E. MORGAN

MANY friends and colleagues dropped in to wish Herbert Morgan well for his retirement, on his last day with MANWEB. He had requested no official retirement ceremony.

Herbert, a 1st engineer in the Transport section at Head Office, has been highly respected over the years for the important part he played in the Board's massive rural electrification programme in North Wales. He was responsible for much of the administrative side of the scheme, and he negotiated with councils and landowners to clear the way for the engineers and linesmen to push electricity into the remote areas.

He acquired a great deal of knowledge about the councils, individuals, and the lie of the land. Despite his sideways move into transport administration, his know-how—and know-who—were continually sought by engineering and secretarial colleagues up to the day of his retirement.

In 1937, a young Herbert

A farewell toast to Herbert Morgan from, left, Deputy Chief Engineer, Gerry Haughan and Transport Engineer Jack Hill.



G. PARRY

ONE of the original members of the Hoylake Training Centre staff Geoffrey Parry, has now retired from his post as senior instructor in the jointing section.

His career started at 14 years of age, as an improver, with the former Birkenhead Corporation Electricity Department, 46 years ago. Shortly afterwards, he took a five-year apprenticeship as a joiner, and became one of the few "time-servers" at this trade.

He later took on the role of "fuseman", and was often seen rushing around Birkenhead on his motor-bike. When the Hoylake Training Centre was established in the early 1950s, Geoff took on the job as jointing instructor on a temporary basis.

Colleagues check their watches as Geoff Parry clocks out for the last time. Geoff, second from right, receives his retirement gift from Alex Smitten, head of Hoylake Training Centre.



Morgan had joined the North Wales Power Company as a general draughtsman. He served in the Royal Engineers during the war, helping in the planning of gun emplacements and other civil engineering schemes. He returned to the North Wales Power Company after the war, and this company became part of MANWEB in 1948.

After the completion of the rural electrification programme, Herbert moved to the re-organised Head Office in 1970, and took up his post in the Transport section.

In retirement he will be tending his garden and making wine. He enjoys a game of snooker and we understand he has a caravan in which he likes to spend weekends. He and his wife, Eve, have a daughter and two sons—one is a geology professor living in Surrey, the other is a sheep farmer in Australia—and two grandchildren, and we join with his colleagues in wishing him well in retirement.



Pictured in the centre of a group of colleagues is Aberystwyth linesman Gerallt Jones.

Mr. L. G. JONES

AFTER 24 years with MANWEB, Gerallt Jones, a linesman at Aberystwyth, has retired for health reasons.

He joined the Board after working on a farm and with the Forestry Commission, becoming a linesman in 1967 and a member of the Aberystwyth depot's very dedicated "heavy gang".

On behalf of his many friends,

he was presented with a cheque by System Engineer Maldwyn Evans, who referred to the admiration everyone felt for the way in which Gerallt had fought his way back to health after a bad accident at work in January 1981.

Gerallt, a keen bowler, will now doubtless find more time to enjoy the delights of the green at Plas-Crug.

Mrs. D. WILSON

AFTER 17 years with the Board, Dorothy Wilson, a sales assistant at our Warrington shop, has retired.

Dorothy spent the Second World War delivering milk with a horse and cart in the streets of Manchester, and her colleagues will miss hearing the many funny anecdotes with which she enter-

tained them.

Despite five grandchildren, Dorothy finds the fitness and energy for swimming and dancing, as well as the less energetic pastimes of reading, sewing and knitting.

She was presented with a picnic set, a crystal vase and flowers.

Mr. F. G. WHISKER

AFTER 45 years' service in the electricity industry, Frederick G. Whisker has retired from Head Office, where he was a principal assistant in Revenue section.

Fred started in the industry with the Liverpool Corporation Electric Supply Department in 1937, served in the Royal Navy during the war, and rejoined the LCESD, which became part of MANWEB in 1948. Before his move to Chester, he worked in the former Liverpool South and Central Districts in 1970,

when he became an administrative assistant in the Consumer Liaison section. He was made principal assistant in 1973.

With the contributions collected by colleagues, he intends to buy garden furniture, so that he and his wife, Joan, can take it easy in their garden. They have two sons—one is married and has made them grandparents. We believe Fred likes the open spaces, and will get out into the country with Joan, who is keen on bird-watching.

Mr. J. BAIRD

THE Executive Officer in charge of the Head Office Creditors section, Jack Baird, has been forced, through ill-health, to retire.

He joined MANWEB in 1950 as a temporary clerk in the Revenue section of the former Area 4 office at Rhostyllen, Wrexham. He moved to the Creditors in 1955, becoming a senior assistant a year later. He

A man who never had a cross word with his colleagues now goes into retirement with their best wishes for good health and years of happiness ahead.

An accomplished organist, Geoff played at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, for over 40 years; he is also a keen "do-it-yourself" enthusiast.

was made principal assistant with the move to Chester in 1970, and was promoted to Executive Officer five years later.

Jack and his wife, Margaret, have three sons. They enjoy ballroom dancing and motoring and Jack bowls a fair wood on the crown greens. We hope that his health will improve and that he will enjoy a long and happy retirement.

Miss B. HOXWORTH
AFTER 30 years with MANWEB, starting in Derby House accounts office in Liverpool and finishing up as Marketing representative in Mid-Cheshire District, Betty Hoxworth has now retired.

On behalf of the 40-odd colleagues who gathered round to wish Betty a happy retirement, DCE Norman Walsh presented her with a carriage clock, handbag and scarf. In addition there was a spray of flowers from the girls, presented by Mary Tomlinson.

Betty's retirement plans include both gentle and active relaxation—whist drives and bridge parties, combined with swimming and cycling.

Mr. H. WILLIAMS

ONE of the very few remaining links with the old Borough of Aberystwyth Electricity days was broken recently, with the retirement of Harold Williams, installation inspector.

Harold began work as an apprentice with a local electrical engineer in 1934, joining the staff of the local authority's meter department three years later. He had been an installation inspector since 1946.

On behalf of his colleagues, he was presented with a coffee-making machine and a cheque by District Manager Dewi Parry, who paid tribute to his long service and popularity. Harold will now be devoting more time to his main hobby—gardening.

Harold Williams



Flo Porter

Mrs. F. E. PORTER

FRIENDS and colleagues subscribed to give garden implements to Mrs. Flo Porter to mark her retirement from the Chester shop, where she has been part of the fixtures and fittings since 1963.

Flo actually joined MANWEB shortly after vesting day in 1948, and worked for a couple of years before leaving to start a family. With her two boys and a girl in school, she returned to the shop where she is extremely well known to many of the customers.

Flo and her husband, Fred, a painter and decorator, have two grandchildren. She will be spending much of her time from now on in her garden—which is a picture—although she hankers after the busy life of a saleswoman.

RETIRING FROM DEE VALLEY

TWO members of Dee Valley have had to retire from the Board due to ill-health. Emlyn Charles, the principal assistant in the Consumer Accounts section at Rhostyllen, has completed 36 years' service.

He joined the North Wales Power Company in Wrexham in 1945 at Johnstown, and worked in Willow Road, before being transferred to Rhostyllen.

Emlyn and his wife, Glenis, have two sons, one of whom is married with two children. Cricket being his great love over the years, having played the

game in his younger days, he now takes a keen armchair interest. He was presented with a cassette recorder on behalf of his colleagues.

A very humorous man, who will be missed at the Corwen depot, Isfryn Hughes has been forced to retire, due to ill-health. He looked after the clerical and stores functions at Corwen and had been with MANWEB for the last ten years.

We wish both these Dee Valley colleagues improved health and a long and happy retirement.

MID-MERSEY RETIREMENTS

FIVE members of Mid-Mersey District staff have recently retired.

Longest-serving of the quintet was Edgar Moore, courier-driver with 35 years' service behind him. Edgar received a carriage clock from his friends and colleagues.

Charles Osborne, a craft operative, served for 28 years. His wife Margaret also formerly worked for us as office cleaner at the High Street depot in Runcorn. Charles received a kitchen

clock.

Jack Edwards, installation inspector at St. Helens (25 years) will be putting his retirement collection towards the cost of a greenhouse; Bill Bibby, meter attendant (17 years) will be able to spend more time fishing and listening to classical music, and Ted Peake, general duties assistant at Runcorn (nine years) was presented with a pair of binoculars.

Their colleagues in the District wish them all long and happy retirements.

"Cheers!" says Betty Hoxworth at her retirement party, watched by Sue Jeff, left, Arthur Evans and Jean Jones.

