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THE TEST HOUSE PLODS ALONG

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Staff Diary
The Second Eight Years
1946 - 1954

I.S.M.	Imperial Service Medal.
B.Sc.	Bachelor of Science.
(F. Inst. P. (or A))	Fellow of the Institute of Physics. (or Associate)
J.P.	Justice of the Peace
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy
A.I.C.	Associate of the Institute of Chemists.
L.I.M.	Licentiate of the Institute of Metallurgists
A.F.R.Ae.S.	Associate Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society
A.M.I.E.E.	Associate Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers
A.M. Brit. I.R.E.	" " - British Institution of Radio Engineers
B. Met.	Bachelor of Metallurgy.
A.I.M. (or F.I.M.)	Associate (or Fellow) of the Institute of Metallurgists
A.F.C.	Air Force Cross
A.R. Hist. S.	Associate of the Royal Historical Society
F.T.I.	Fellow of the Textile Institute
M.B.E.	Member of the most excellent order of the British Empire
M.Sc.	Master of Science.
D. Phil	Doctor of Philosophy.
A.R.I.C. (or F)	Associate of the Royal Institute of Chemistry (or Fellow).
(A)M.I.E.I.	(Associate) Member of the Institute of Engineering Inspection
A.M.I.W.M.	" " " " " " " " Works Managers.
B.E.M.	British Empire Medal.
B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
A.M.L.W.	Associate Member of the Institute of Welders
A.I. Mech. E.	" of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
A.R.P.S.	" - Royal Photographic Society
A.I.B.P.	" - Institute of British Photographers.
M.C.	Military Cross.
D. Sc.	Doctor of Science
F.C.S.	Fellow of the Chemical Society.
M.M.	Military Medal.
A. Met.	Associateship in Metallurgy.
A.M.S.L.A.E.	Associate Member of the Society of Licensed Aircraft Engineers
A.S.A.E.	" of the Society of Automotive Engineers
M.V.O.	Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

1st April, 1946

As we expected, the members of the Gauge Checking & Storage Unit who have been located at Birmingham now return to Test House. Other returns are Mr. H.W. Harverson of Aircraft Equipment Division who left us in 1944, and Mr. J.H. Joyce, A.I.L. who left us in 1943. The latter returns to the staff of Materials H.Q. Mr. J. Waller, a broad Scot, who has been in the A.I.D. since 1925, comes as A.I.L. in Physics Section, Miss Abraham who went to Leatherhead last November also returns to us to-day, and Mr. L. Watts, labourer, who was with us prior to his calling-up in 1942, was re-instated to-day. Quite a big influx.

2nd. April, 1946

Miss J.C. Pearce ("Josie"), one of our most popular and attractive girls in Chemistry Section resigned to-day. She has been here since 1941. We hear she is getting married shortly.

6th April, 1946

Mrs. Douglas, cleaner, wife of one of our stokers, resigned to-day on domestic grounds.

8th April, 1946

Miss E.H. Birtwell of Materials Section, was transferred to-day to the Board of Trade. Her genial manner, and rather peculiar intonation will be missed by us all - perhaps by one of our industrial staff in particular. Mr. W.C. Dyer, Chief Examiner of Materials H.Q. was transferred to Warrington, and Mr. K.L. Tolliday who has been with the A.I.D. since 1938, was transferred here as Chief Examiner in Radio & Electrical Section.

9th April, 1946

Miss Marion Taylor, Examiner of Aircraft Equipment Section, resigned to-day. One of our most delightful girls, we are very sorry to lose her, and the place won't seem quite the same without her.

12th April, 1946

Miss P.J. Bevan, Registry Messenger, resigned to-day to take up other employment. Not super-efficient, she nevertheless tried hard at her job.

18th April, 1946

Mrs. E. Markwell, Assistant Examiner in Metrology, resigned to-day on domestic grounds. Tall and rather glamorous, she was one of our more attractive girls. Mr. E.A. Smith, Clerical Officer, who has been at Harefield since 1943, was transferred to M.O.S. Headquarters, London. His somewhat forceful personality will be missed in Materials H.Q.

23rd April, 1946

Mr. J.H. Andrews, Senior Examiner in Metrology Section, resigned to-day.

27th April, 1946

Miss I.W. Blanche, Draughtswoman, resigned to-day on health grounds. There was a Test House wedding to-day, when Mr. O. Critchley and Miss P. Hall were married. Good wishes to them both. This evening a Social and Dance was held in the Canteen, when an entertainment was given made up of excerpts from shows of the last seven years. Mr. & Mrs Barlow were present.

30th April, 1946

Mr. J.G.P. Atkinson, A.S.C.III. was transferred to London District. He was liked by many of his clerical colleagues and will be missed. Mrs. Backler, Examiner, resigned for domestic reasons. A very popular member, she came to us in 1939 as Miss Spurgin, and has found a husband in Test House. Mrs. M.P. Greenway, temporary clerk, (better known as Margaret Swan) also resigned on domestic grounds. and yet another resignation to-day was of Miss B.J. Hicks, Examiner in Metrology Section. She goes into industry. If we go on like this we shall soon have no-one left.

2nd May, 1946

To-day sees another milestone in our history, for it sees the retirement of our Superintendent, Mr. R.F. Barlow. The first Superintendent of Test House, and in many ways the creator and "father" of the whole place, his going will be felt by us all. A presentation was made to him in the grounds, when Mr. Broughton gave him a silver tea-set and Volume I. of this diary, and the Social Club marked the occasion with a farewell dinner at Eastcote in the evening. The Test House will certainly not seem quite the same without Mr. Barlow, who has proved himself a very good friend to all his staff.

4th May, 1946

Mrs. G. Pinner, cleaner, resigned to-day. She finds the journeys from Hillingdon too much for her.

6th May, 1946

Mr. H.W. Harverson, who returned to Test House at the beginning of April, left us again on transfer to Pye Ltd., Cambridge. Mr. O.C.D. Pannell, Clerical Officer, came to us to-day on transfer. *J.D. Pannell*

7th May, 1946

Our new Superintendent, Mr. W.N. Blacklock, was installed to-day. A man of quiet personality, he seems to lack the "drive" of his predecessor, but he holds the D.S.M. and D.F.M. He has no easy task to follow Mr. Barlow, but we hope he will make a success of it.

8th May, 1946

Mrs. F.M. Spalding - a not unattractive woman - was engaged as a cleaner to-day.

13th May, 1946

Mr. E.A. Mundy, a local man, was engaged as a Constable, and Mrs. R. Skiggs was engaged as a cleaner.

14th May, 1946

Miss D.F.E. Morris, Assistant Examiner, left us to-day to enter the teaching profession. She always gave the impression of being studious and quietly efficient.

15th May, 1946

Mr. W. Hammond, a labourer, who has been with us since 1941, was released to-day, as he is leaving the district.

17th May, 1946

Miss Jean Chesson, trainee clerk, was released to-day as redundant. She has much improved since she came to us in 1944, and should have no difficulty in finding other employment. Mr. R.E. Grump, labourer in the Stores, resigned. He knew a lot and had a reputation for being very fond of the ladies. An addition to the staff is Mr. R.W. Roberts, B.A., B.Sc., who comes to Non-Destructive Tests.

18th May, 1946

Another Test House romance culminated to-day in the marriage of Mr. G. Roke and Miss Dorothy Harding. We wish them good luck.

G. Roke

20th May, 1946

Mr. W.H. Brown was engaged as M/T Driver to-day. A dapper little man, he seems to "know everything".

25th May, 1946

Mr. F.A. Jackson of Metrology resigned to-day. A very quiet man, he had always seemed to be something of a mystery.

27th May, 1946

Mrs. E. Mitchell was engaged as a cleaner to-day.

31st May, 1946

Mrs. Brinklow, cleaner, was discharged to-day. She has been with us since last November. Mr. A. E. Herbert, a semi-skilled labourer, was released at his own request. He has been here two months.

1st June, 1946

Mr. R. H. Lacey, fitter turner, was released to-day at his own request. A Dance and Melodramatic Entertainment was given in the Canteen this evening.

4th June, 1946

Mr. L. E. Woodcock, gauge fitter, was released to-day at his own request.

7th June, 1946

Mr. W. Gaskell, Senior Examiner in Metrology Section resigned to-day. He was an accomplished musician.

11th June, 1946

Constable E. A. Mundy, who joined us last month, was released to-day at his own request. He found the hours too difficult.

12th June, 1946

Mr. Bruce Thompson was engaged as an Instrument Maker. He seems to have plenty to say for himself - in fact we think he "knows it all"!

14th June, 1946

Mr. W. M. Griffin, electrical fitter, resigned to-day. Constable W. McCutcheon was transferred here as replacement for Constable Mundy.

15th June, 1946

Miss P. Douglas, Examiner in Aircraft Equipment Division, resigned to take up a University Course.

E.T.U. man fights to keep seat

Uxbridge magistrate Mr. Bill Blair faces an election of "decisive importance" in the E.T.U. this month to keep his seat on the executive council.

The election within the Electrical Trades Union opened this week until Saturday week, and Mr. Blair has two formidable opponents.

They are Mr. Alan Courtney, of the Socialist Labour League, and Mr. D. Gregory, supported by the Communists. Mr. Blair himself has had a six year's term as a Labour councillor on Ruslip Northwood Council, and works for the Aeronautical Inspection Directorate at Harefield.

He writes in his election address: "To restore the control of the previous leadership, a challenge is being made with lesser-known supporters of the Communist Party."

"This election is, therefore, one of decisive importance to the future well-being of the union"

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17th June, 1946

Mr.P. Barry, labourer, was engaged to-day, and Mr.S.W.Lipscombe, A.S.C.III. was transferred here for duty in Accounts Section.

18th June, 1946

Mr.W.P.Blair, electrical fitter, who left us to join H.M.Forces in 1941, was re-instated to-day on his discharge from the Services. We are glad to have him back.

24th June, 1946

Mr.S.C.Wybrow, who has been here since March of last year, was transferred to Hawkers of Langley. Apparently the post of Assistant Test House Superintendent which he held here is to become redundant.

25th June, 1946

It has been decided to form a local Office Whitley Committee for non-industrial staff. A Meeting was held in the office of the Test House Superintendent to-day to discuss the Constitution, etc. This should prove very useful in the smooth running of the Establishment.

26th June, 1946

Mrs.E.R.Burfutt - the very popular wife of our former colleague - resigned to-day. She came to us as Miss Browyer in 1941, and has endeared herself to a wide circle of friends. Mr.R.Somerset from Denham was engaged as a Fitter-Turner, and Mr.C.J.Sandbrook from Ickenham as a messenger. A quiet reliable type of man.

30th June, 1946

Mr.G.H.Anderson, Senior Examiner of Metrology Section, resigned. He is one of our older hands, having been with us since March, 1939. The Sports & Social Club will miss him. Mr.C.J.Faulkner, Senior Examiner, also resigned to-day. His refined "Oxford" accent will be missed around here.

1st July, 1946

Mr. W. Downey, an unmistakable Irishman, joined the Accounts Section as A.S.C.III. to-day, and Mr. W.R. Heybourn was engaged as a labourer. We understand the latter has also some knowledge of gardening.

2nd July, 1946

Miss A.L. Ryder, messenger, was discharged on redundancy. She was really just a little unreliable. Mr. R.A. Shimmell was engaged as a semi-skilled labourer for duty in Micro. Laboratory. He will probably be an asset also to the Social Club.

5th July, 1946

Miss B.I. Carrod, a quiet and rather nervous girl in Metrology Section, resigned to-day.

7th July, 1946

Congratulations to Miss Y.C. Baines, our "bright young thing" laboratory assistant, who is 21 to-day.

12th July, 1946

Mrs. Weston, labourer, who has been with us since before the death of her husband in 1943, was discharged to-day on grounds of redundancy, as was also Mrs. L.A. Warren, wife of "Stan." Warren, one of our messengers.

13th July, 1946

Miss J.M. Yorke, Assistant Examiner in Metrology Section, resigned to-day. She has been with us since 1941, and has done quite a good job of work.

23rd July, 1946

Miss P.R. Bartholomew ("Pat.") - the daughter of our Station Sergeant, resigned to-day on her forthcoming marriage. She has been a very valuable member of our typing staff since 1940, and was responsible for typing the MS. of Vol. I of this diary.

27th July, 1946

Mr E.T. Bower, the tallest member of our staff resigned to-day. He is returning to commercial life in the North of England, and his work for the Social Club will be much missed. Barbara Dent will also miss him we think.

31st July, 1946

Miss C.E. Beard, clerk in Materials H.Q. was transferred to London to-day. She had only been at Harefield since October last, and Miss E. Simms, Examiner in Radiology, left us to take up educational training.

1st August, 1946

Mr S.W. Lipscombe, A.S.C. III. who only came to us in June, was transferred away to Est. 1. We understand he was very dissatisfied with his job here.

2nd August, 1946

Miss M.W. Bradshaw of Metrology, resigned to-day. She has been with us for nearly ten years, and several "budding romances" have been associated with her name, but we hear the most likely suitor now is Mr R.J. Pugsley who left us in 1944.

9th August, 1946

Miss M. Cowdery, Lab. Assistant in Radiology, resigned to-day to take up commercial work.

15th August, 1946

Mr. W. E. Luke from Uxbridge was engaged as a labourer to-day.

17th August, 1946

Mr. A. D. Perry, Fitter-Turner, was released at his own request. The Annual Garden Party was held in the Grounds to-day, and the programme included Sports and Table Tennis finals.

19th August, 1946

Mr. E. Haggood was engaged as a labourer to-day.

20th August, 1946

Mr. C. Doczy, our popular Inspector of Aircraft Equipment Section, left us to-day on transfer to Leatherhead. We are all sorry to see him go.

21st August, 1946

Mrs. A. E. Hall was engaged as a cleaner to-day. She seems quite loquacious.

22nd August, 1946

Miss P. E. Alder, who comes from Hillingdon, joined the staff of Aircraft Equipment Section to-day.

30th August, 1946

Mr. F. Dance, labourer, retired to-day. He has been with us since 1940, but is now approaching seventy.

31st August, 1946

Miss E. M. Parsons, Examiner in Metrology Section resigned to-day, as did also Mr. J. E. Pyne, Senior Examiner in A/E. Section. Another resignation is that of Mrs. Rockley (née Marjorie Noblet) who has been with us since 1940. We shall certainly miss her.

13th September, 1946

Mrs. J. Bugbee, cleaner, resigned. She has lasted just one day! Mr. J. H. Stevens, who has been with us as a stoker since 1943, retired to-day. He is one of the finest old chaps we have had here. Another resignation is of Miss E. P. Sheppard of Aircraft Equipment Section. We shall miss her auburn hair and smile.

14th September, 1946

Miss A. D. Horne, another of our popular Examiners from Aircraft Equipment Section resigned to-day.

16th September, 1946

Mrs. C. M. Bridges, our senior typist was transferred to London to-day. A conscientious worker, though apt to worry and become tearful over trifles, she will be missed by many here. Mr. R. W. Brock, who was with us at Kidbrooke, was re-instated after serving with H. M. Forces. He joins our constabulary staff. Mr. H. E. Dalton was engaged as a Fitter (Electrical), and Miss J. M. Fleming joined the staff of Rad/Elec. Section as a Lab. Assistant.

17th September, 1946

Mrs. M. Winwright was engaged as a cleaner to-day.

18th September, 1946

Mr. F. W. Timson of Uxbridge was engaged as a Laboratory Assistant in Metallurgy Section to-day.

19th September, 1946

Mrs. D. E. Bryant, another local woman, was engaged as a cleaner to-day.

21st September, 1946

Miss Y. C. Baines, our attractive little "harum scarum" Lab. Assistant, resigned on her forthcoming marriage. We shall certainly be duller here without her.

23rd September, 1946

A new cleaner, Mrs. L.A. Fairweather, was engaged. A good name on a dull day. Mr. A.W. Mead, a lad of seventeen from Hayes, was appointed as Lab. Assistant in Metallurgy, and Mr. T. McMahon was engaged as a Fitter-Turner.

24th September, 1946

Mrs. L.E. Jones, who some of us remember as Miss Lily Hawkins, resigned for domestic reasons. We shall miss her on the social side quite a lot. She was an expert dancer. Her husband remains with us.

30th September, 1946

Mr. G.L. Batchelor, a lad from Higher Denham, was engaged as Laboratory Assistant in the Chemistry Section. Mrs. B.E. Bowden was engaged as a cleaner, and Mr. H.G. Painter as a semi-skilled labourer. Mr. G.W. Diggins, foreman of gauge workshop resigned to-day.

2nd October, 1946

Miss A.A. Rogers, Lab. Assistant, resigned to-day. She is to enter the teaching profession.

5th October, 1946

Mr. O.H. Critchley, Senior Examiner, left us to-day, to take up other employment. He has been with us since 1944, and has found a wife from among our staff. Miss B.J. Parkin, Assistant Examiner, a very bright girl, also resigned. She is taking up a University Course.

7th October, 1946

Miss Doreen Hammersley was engaged as a typist. She is sixteen, and seems lively, cheeky and efficient. Quite a different type is Mrs. G.G. Waite, also engaged as a temporary typist to-day.

G. Waite

11th October, 1946

Mrs.M.M.Pilcher, Examiner, resigned to-day. Her husband has now been demobilised, and Miss S.M.Smith our "glamorous Stephanie", M/T Driver a lso resigned. We are sorry to lose them both. Mrs.M.Winwright, a recently engaged cleaner, also resigned to-day.

12th October, 1946

Mr.McEwen, Senior Examiner of Chemistry Section, left us to-day on transfer to D.A.I.S. for duty overseas. Miss Dorothy Whyte, one of our typists, also left us to-day. A charming and attractive girl, she is going to join the W.R.N.S. or the W.A.A.F.

14th October, 1946

Mr.E.W.Miller from Hillingdon was engaged as a Gauge-maker to-day.

15th October, 1946

Mr.D.P.Craft, Lab. Assistant, who joined us last month, resigned to-day. Other resignations as those of Miss B.L.Penn, Shorthand Typist, who is leaving to be married, and Mrs.D.Steiner, who has done useful clerical work in Resigtry.

16th October, 1946

Mr.T.A.Bicknell, who comes from Hayes, was engaged as a Lab. Assistant to-day.

18th October, 1946

Mrs.D.E.Bryant, cleaner, resigned. She has lasted a month.

21st October, 1946

Mr.P.Barry, labourer, who started in June, was released to-day at his ownrequest. Mr.A. Stumbles, who went to Leatherhead with A/E. H.Q. Division last November, was transferred back to Test House to-day. We wonder how long his third term will last!

A. Stumbles

MR. S. W. HARRIS

The cremation of Mr. Steven Walter Harris, of 46a, Pole Hill road, Hillingdon, took place at Ruislip Crematorium on August 27.

Mr. Harris who died in Hillingdon Hospital on August 21, aged 47, had lived in Hillingdon since 1940 and for five years was tool-room supervisor at the A.I.D. Test House.

From 1946 until this year he was at the Heathway Engineering Co. first as an inspector, then as works foreman and latterly as estimator. Since February, 1954, he had been secretary of the Uxbridge and District Canine Society.

The service at the crematorium was conducted by the Rev. H. Russell, of St. Paul's Church, Ruislip Manor.

Mourners were: Mrs. G. M. Harris (widow), Miss R. Harris (sunt), Miss M. Harris (niece), Mrs. C. Butler and Miss Jackson; Messrs. F. Weatherall, Reeves, N. Davidson, Mrs. V. Evans, Mrs. M. Patten and Mrs. M. Weed (representing Uxbridge and District Canine Society); Miss P. Drummond and Mrs. E. Plane (representing the Scottish Terrier Breeders' Association); Mr. P. Dell (representing Chesham and District Canine Society); directors of Heathway Engineering Co. Messrs. F. C. Bartlett, J. W. Fletcher, F. J. Mudge and Mr. E. A. Brice (secretary); Mr. F. Cozens (representing workmates).
Funeral arrangements were by A. V. Smith and Sons Ltd.

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26th October, 1946

A Test House wedding to-day, when Miss G.M. Heard was married to Mr. "Steve" Harris. A presentation has been made to them by the staff.

30th October, 1946

Mr. D. Spalding was engaged as a Storeman. He is the husband of one of our cleaners.

31st October, 1946

We had a "return to the fold" to-day, in the person of Mrs. G.M. Hinton, M/T. Driver, who resigned last November. We are glad to have her back.

2nd November, 1946

Mr. L.W. Dewsnap, S/S. Labourer, was transferred to-day to become Canteen Manager. A man of many parts, he has been M/T. Driver among other things.

4th November, 1946

Mr. A.C. Field was transferred here to swell the ranks of our Constabulary, and Mr. F.C. Smith was engaged as a stoker. He is the son of "Joe." Smith, who has been with us as a stoker since 1942.

6th November, 1946

An evening's entertainment was given this evening by the Film Society, when J.B. Priestley's film "They came to a city" was shown.

11th November, 1946

An event of importance to-day, second only to the retirement of our Superintendent, was the transfer of our C.A.&A., Mr. R. Broughton, who goes to Malvern. Having been at Test House, Harefield since January 1940, his name will always be linked with that of Mr. Barlow as one of the "founders" of Test House. A handsome testimonial from all the members of the staff was presented to him. He is succeeded by Mr. W.T. Waite, who returns to Test House from R.P.U. Bournemouth. Now we shall have to "pull our socks up". Mr. D.A. Miller was engaged as a gauge-maker and Mr. J. Wiggins as a labourer to-day.

13th November, 1946

We had a very fine exhibition of table-tennis in the Canteen this evening, given by International Stars and Champions.

16th November, 1946

Mr. H. G. Symmons, gauge-maker, was released to-day at his own request. A good workman, and quite fond of the ladies!

22nd November, 1946

Miss C. L. Wymer ("Chrissy") our popular little Lab. Assistant who has been with us three and a half years, resigned to-day. Another resignation was Miss L. M. Winwright, cleaner.

25th November, 1946

Mrs. D. M. Braisher was engaged as a cleaner to-day.

29th November, 1946

Mrs. H. R. Heard, one of our few female labourers from the Stores, resigned to-day.

30th November, 1946

Mr. R. Arron, an Inspector with Materials H.Q., was seconded for duty with Ministry of Works. Mr. W. R. Hinton ("Bob.") of Metrology Section resigned to-day. He will be greatly missed.

2nd December, 1946

Mr. F. G. Hurrell, A.S.C. III. from Accounts Section, was transferred to T.R.E. Malvern to-day. The ladies here will certainly miss him.

Samuel

5th December, 1946

Miss J. B. Savage of Metrology Section is 21 to-day, and we send her our congratulations.

7th December, 1946

Mr. D.A. Miller, gauge-maker, was released to-day at his own request, and Mr. A.E. Russell, B.Sc., Examiner, resigned.

a E Russell

14th December, 1946

Mrs. I. Joyce, cleaner, who has been here two years, was released to-day at her own request.

17th December, 1946

Mrs. E. Hawes, messenger, resigned to-day on removal from the district. We are sorry to lose her.

21st December, 1946

We held our Christmas Party this evening in the Canteen, when the varied programme included a Pantomime among other attractions.

28th December, 1946

As this memorable year draws to its close, we lose one of the quieter members of our staff in the resignation to-day of Mr. F. Burford of Metrology Section.

30th December, 1946

Mrs. M.V. Dicks was engaged as a cleaner. Mr. A.R. Service and Mr. T.C. Skipper who were with us in 1944/45, were transferred back here to-day. Mr. D. Woods also came to us on transfer as Inspector I/C. of Rad/Elec. Section.

31st December, 1946

Mrs. M.V. Dicks, cleaner, resigned! Mr. A.J. Ford, temporary clerk who had been in charge of Registry, retired to-day. He had not had very good health lately, but was popular, and will be missed by us all.

2nd January, 1947

Our first recruit this year is Mr. A. E. Hills, Examiner, who joins the staff of Rad/Elec. Section to-day.

4th January, 1947

We lose another outstanding personality to-day by the resignation of Miss B. P. Mallett, Examiner in Chemistry Section. Often called "The Duchess", she will be missed - especially by many of her gentlemen admirers.

B. Mallett

6th January, 1947

Miss. E. M. Brunskill was engaged as a shorthand-typist to-day. Middle-aged and not exactly of the frivolous type, she seems a natural successor to Mrs. Bridges.

10th January, 1947

Mr. W. Sparshott, labourer, was released to-day at his own request. Not a bad old chap, but he seemed to have a perpetual grouse about something or other.

11th January, 1947

Mrs. Thornhill, Examiner in Chemistry Section, who came to us in 1942, resigned to-day.

V. Thornhill

13th January, 1947

Mrs. G. Waite, who came to us last October as a temporary typist, resigned to-day on removing from the district.

16th January, 1947

To-day we celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Barbara Woodruff, and wish her every happiness.

17th January, 1947

Mr. H. G. Painter, labourer, was released to-day at his own request.

20th January, 1947

Mr. L.G. Archer of Metrology Section was transferred to London to-day. He has found a wife in Test House, and many will remember him gratefully for his services in the "tomato" business some time ago. Mr. H.G. Craft, labourer in the Stores, was released at his own request, as was also Mr. E.F. Collom, a semi-skilled labourer. Mr. W. Downey, clerk, was transferred to West London District, and Mr. J.H. Kemp B.A., was transferred to Sandhurst.

23rd January, 1947

Mr. T. Hopper was engaged as a labourer to-day.

25th January, 1947

To-day sees another achievement, when Test House goes on to a 5-day week. Some folk have dreamed of this for years, and it is now an accomplished fact. No more Saturday work - except for the staff of Materials H.Q.

28th January, 1947

Mrs. Godfrey, our C/H. Telephonist, resigned to-day on health grounds. She has been here just over a year.

30th January, 1947

Mr. J. Thomson, a very broad Scot, was engaged as a labourer to-day.

31st January, 1947

Mrs. Bowden, cleaner, was discharged. She has been with us about three months, and Mr. A.F. Knife, Electrical Fitter, was released at his own request. Another resignation is that of Mrs. V.F. Smith of Denham - perhaps our most "aristocratic" temporary clerk.

7th February, 1947

Miss K.M. Wingfield, a quiet girl, who has been Lab. Assistant in Metrology Section since 1941, resigned to-day.

12th February, 1947

Mr. A.W. Mead, who has been with us since September, left to take up an apprenticeship with B.A.C.

17th February, 1947

Mrs. J.V. Humphries was engaged as a cleaner to-day. She will keep the others lively anyway.

18th February, 1947

Mr. T.H. Slawson, Electrical Fitter was re-engaged to-day, as he has now returned to live in the district.

20th February, 1947

Our congratulations to-day go to Miss E.V. Brown, Examiner in Physics Section, who attains her 21st birthday.

28th February, 1947

The Drawing-Office Section of I.Arm. H.Q., was disbanded to-day. Mr. H. Bond and Mr. G.A. Le Gras, Draughtsmen, were transferred to C.I.A. Woolwich, and Miss D. Saunders to Oxford Square. Mr. G.C. Roke was discharged as redundant, and Mr. W. Westhead resigned. Mr. T.A. Bicknell, Lab. Assistant, also resigned to-day, as did Mr. F. Hendry M.A., of Metrology Section. We understand the latter is entering the teaching profession. Mr. H.J.V. Hodge, Instrument Maker was released at his own request, and another resignation was of Miss E.A. Smith, Lab. Assistant in Metrology, who leaves to get married. We shall miss her very infectious laugh about the place.

3rd March, 1947

Miss K.F. Chapman, a good-looking and very attractive girl, joined our typing staff to-day. Another recruit was Mr. C.T. Robinson, who comes as a Storeman to assist the Station Engineer.

7th March, 1947

Miss H.T. Hodgkinson, Tracer, resigned to-day, having been with us since 1943.

11th March, 1947

Mrs. S. D. Carroll, temporary clerk in Accounts Section, resigned to-day for domestic reasons. She will be missed - especially by some of the male members of the staff. Mr. E. R. Darn, Lab. Assistant in Metrology, was called up for service with H.M. Forces.

12th March, 1947

Mr. H. G. Craft, Labourer, who left us in January has applied for re-engagement, and we are glad to have him back. We had a visit this evening from "The Priory Players" - the Dramatic Group from A.I.D. H.Q. at Leatherhead. They presented two or three short plays on the Canteen Stage, which were very good.

14th March, 1947

Mr. R. Somerset, Fitter-Turner, who came to us last June, was released to-day at his own request. Following severe snow and frost, the thaw has brought floods, and Moorhall Road - the main road between Harefield and Uxbridge - was flooded to a depth of over two feet, making travelling difficult for many of our staff.

17th March, 1947

Mr. M. W. Berry ("Mark") of the clerical staff, was transferred to London Area to-day. His pompous manner and meticulous appearance will be missed by all his colleagues here. We had to discharge Mr. Hopper, Labourer - his health was really too poor for his job.

25th March, 1947

Miss Audrey Purser, learner tracer, who has been with us since 1942, was discharged to-day as redundant.

26th March, 1947

Mr. D. A. Potty was appointed as an Assistant (Scientific) in Metallurgy Section. We trust he will not live up to his name.

28th March, 1947

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Miss J.C.Ardery, B.Sc., resigned to-day. Her cheery round face will be missed from the Chemistry Section. Mr.F.W.Timson, Lab. Assistant, who came to us last September, also resigned to-day.

J.C. Ardery

8th April, 1947

Mr.K.Donne, Lab. Assistant in Physics Section, was called up to-day, for service with H.M.Forces.

9th April, 1947

Mr.D.McMahon (brother of T.McMahon) was engaged to-day as Assistant (Scientific) in Metallurgy Section.

11th April, 1947

Mr.A.M.Allen, A.M.I.E.E., left us to take up commercial work. His wife remains here for the time being. Miss.B.E.Jenkins ("Barbara") Examiner, was discharged on grounds of redundancy. She has been with us since 1940, and was not exactly a man hater. Mr.H.F.Oberholzer was also discharged as redundant. His amazing dexterity at fencing will be remembered. Still another discharge on redundancy was that of Miss M.M.Phillip, who will be remembered for her work with the girls' training courses.

12th April, 1947

Thanks largely to the inspiration of Mr.Melling, an amusing entertainment with an Eastern flavour - "Arabian Nightmare", was given in the Canteen this evening.

Melling

14th April, 1947

Mr.R.C.Egerton, Chief Examiner, joined the staff of Rad/Elec. Section to-day.

16th April, 1947

Mrs.S.M.Woodman was engaged as a cleaner. Something new for Test House was experienced to-day, when two speakers from the "Christian Commando" Campaign, now being organised in the Uxbridge area, addressed members of the staff in the Canteen.

23rd April, 1947

Mr.R.Gould, one of the better educated local youths, was engaged as an Assistant (Scientific) in X-Ray Section, and Mr. D.W.Hitchens was similarly engaged for work in the photographic lab.

30th April, 1947

Mr.W.S.Mahon of Metrology Section left us to-day, and we understand he is going to New Zealand. He will be missed by many colleagues here.

1st May, 1947

Miss S.R.Gee - one of the "aristocratic" members of our typing pool - resigned to-day on her impending marriage.

2nd May, 1947

Mr.R.Rix, B.Sc., Examiner in Chemistry Section, resigned to-day, and Mr.J.Wiggins, labourer, was discharged.

5th May, 1947

Mrs.A.Schoulal - one of our really glamorous Examiners - who came to us as Miss Nicholas, resigned to-day, and we understand she and her husband are going to Australia.

6th May, 1947

Mr.C.J.Sandbrook, messenger, was released to-day at his own request. We are sorry to lose him.

9th May, 1947

Miss B.J.Dent ("Barbara") resigned to-day, on her marriage to Mr.L.T.Bower. One of the most popular and vivacious members of our staff, we shall all miss her, and we wish her the best of luck. Another popular member also leaves us to-day in the person of Miss M.Holt("Micky"), who leaves us to go into industry.

13th May, 1947

A resignation to-day was that of Miss G. Ryder, temporary clerk in Accounts Section. A quiet and conscientious little worker, we are sorry to lose her.

14th May, 1947

To-day sees the retirement of Capt.E.T.G.Mansell, Director of Materials Division. He has been in Government Service since 1925, and his forceful personality will be missed by all. A group photograph of Materials Division staff was taken to mark the occasion.

19th May, 1947

A new messenger was engaged to-day - Mr. Jack Twinn of Uxbridge. His cheery smile and breezy manner will brighten up the place.

20th May, 1947

Mrs.Braisher, cleaner, resigned to-day. She has been with us six months.

30th May, 1947

Miss Elsie Thomas, who came to us as a messenger in 1943, and is now a temporary clerk, was discharged as redundant. We shall get on quite well nevertheless, I suspect.

31st May, 1947

Mr.P.C.Murphy, Senior Examiner of Metallurgy Section, resigned to enter industry. He always seemed a little irresponsible, but he holds the degree of B.Sc.

3rd June, 1947

Mr. R. F. Durham, one of our good-looking Lab. Assistants, was called up to-day for military service.

6th June, 1947

Mr. E. H. Marson, Senior Examiner, who has been with us since 1943, resigned to-day, and we hear he is proceeding abroad, to the Middle East. He has taken a prominent part in many of our Social activities. Mrs. S. M. Woodman, cleaner, who was engaged in April, was released to-day at her own request.

13th June, 1947

Mr. A. S. Brown, a genial member of our clerical staff, left us to-day. His bulky personality (and memories of his wonderful check trousers!) will be missed by his colleagues.

16th June, 1947

Mr. S. A. Williams, Examiner, was transferred here to-day, for duty in Physics Section.

17th June, 1947

Miss Peggy Malkin is 21 to-day, and receives good wishes from all the Stores Staff.

20th June, 1947

Mr. A. G. F. R. (Arthur, George, Frederick, Ross!) White resigned to-day to take an industrial post. The Social Club, and especially the table-tennis group, will miss him.

27th June, 1947

Miss P. E. Ralph, telephonist, resigned to-day. She has had a varied and somewhat chequered career here since 1940, but she will be missed - in the Drivers' Room anyway. She is leaving the district, and we hear she may be getting married! Another resignation to-day is Mr. R. V. Swann of Chemistry Section who leaves to take up an industrial appointment. Something of a "rough diamond", his rather unpolished manner hides a B.Sc. degree.

1st July, 1947

Mrs. R. Skiggs, cleaner, was released to-day at her own request. Her timekeeping had not always been very good.

3rd July, 1947

Miss K. McVeigh, Superintendent of Typists, resigned to-day for health reasons. She was efficient at her work, but her relations with the girls in the Pool were often mutually trying.

4th July, 1947

Mrs. D. G. Gott, better known to us as Dorothy Sibley, telephonist, resigned to-day. We think a happy event is in the offing.

5th July, 1947

Miss Vera Hannam, an attractive girl from the Drawing Office, resigned to-day on her impending marriage.

9th July, 1947

Mr. P. E. Marks, Lab. Assistant in Metrology, who has been with us for two years, was called up for service with H. M. Forces.

11th July, 1947

Mrs. S. Body, now a shorthand-typist, and formerly a member of the telephonist staff, resigned to take up other employment. Better known to many of us as Sylvia Smith, she had been here since 1940, and was very popular. Miss Peggy Malkin, the daughter of our Senior Storeman, also resigned to enter industry. She has been with us since 1943. Miss J. B. Savage, Lab. Assistant in Metrology, also resigned to take up a commercial post.

14th July, 1947

Mr. E. S. Rogers, Senior Examiner, was transferred here to-day, for duty in Metrology Section.

15th July, 1947

Mrs. B. E. Browne, one of our tracers, resigned to-day on domestic grounds. "Betty" (née Cook) the daughter of one of our Pay Office Staff, and the wife of one of our Mats. H. Q. Staff, is one of the most glamorous of our girls, and we shall miss her. Mrs. G. R. Smith, wife of F. C. Smith, Stoker, was engaged as a cleaner to-day.

23rd July, 1947

Mr. E. S. Rogers, Senior Examiner, who came to us on transfer on the 14th, was transferred back again to Blackpool, from whence he came. A very short stay. Miss Joan Young joined the staff as a typist. She is not yet very efficient, but will probably improve.

25th July, 1947

Mrs. Allen of Aircraft Equipment Section resigned. Better known as the glamorous Mary Cooper, she will be missed by us all. We hear rumours of a happy event pending. We also lose another attractive member to-day by the resignation of Mrs. E. Driscoll, clerk in Materials H. Q., and yet another in the person of Miss Jessie Fleming, Lab. Assistant, who goes to take up a commercial post.

28th July, 1947

Miss M. Gristwood, a decidedly attractive girl from Rickmansworth, was engaged to-day as a telephone operator. Our good wishes go to Miss J. F. Smith of Metallurgy, who is 21 to-day.

8th August, 1947

Mr. E. W. Miller, gauge-maker, was discharged to-day, and Mr. J. L. Sibley, who has been with us as a semi-skilled labourer since 1944, was released at his own request.

15th August, 1947

Mr. W. L. Harper, B.Sc., who left us in 1941, and returned earlier this year, finally left us to-day on transfer to R. O. F., Patricroft.

18th August, 1947

Mr. A. M. Fraser joined the staff of Rad/Elec. Section as an Examiner, and Miss O. W. Pritchard was appointed Lab. assistant in the Chemistry Section.

20th August, 1947

Mr. W. H. Brown, M/T. Driver, who has been with us since May 1946, resigned to-day to take up a job outside.

31st August, 1947

Mr. C. W. Roberts, B.Sc., Senior Examiner in Metallurgy Section, resigned to-day.

1st September, 1947

Mr. W. C. J. Howard, clerical officer, left us to-day on transfer to Adelphi. We hope this move may mean promotion for him.

5th September, 1947

Miss. Edna Brown resigned to-day to take up a commercial post. First a clerk and latterly a typist, she was a striking combination of effrontery and efficiency. Mr. W. E. Luke, labourer, also resigned to-day.

6th September, 1947

The Annual Garden Party was held to-day. Although rather late in the year, it was quite a success, and the weather was good.

8th September, 1947

Mr. T. W. O'Malley, our H.C.O. in Pay Office, was transferred to-day to Midland Area, Birmingham. One at least of our young ladies will certainly miss him.

9th September, 1947

Mr. H. C. Doré was engaged as a gauge-maker to-day. He is a brother of our Eric Doré.

T. W. O'Malley

19th September, 1947

Mr. T. H. Slawson, Electrical Fitter, finally resigned (for the second time), and has taken another job elsewhere.

23rd September, 1947

Mr. W. G. Lonergan was engaged as a "Mate". We understand he has had a tough time as a prisoner of war.

29th September, 1947

Mr. H. W. Harverson, who is remarkable for his "comings and goings", was again transferred back to Test House to-day. Miss Margaret Rose, who comes from Ickenham, was engaged as an Assistant (Scientific) in Instruments Section, and Miss M. L. Stone from Hillingdon as a learner-tracer.

30th September, 1947

Mr. G. O. Douglas, Senior Examiner, resigned to take up other employment. Another resignation to-day is that of Mrs. C. L. Halliday. Better known as Miss Rich, she has been with us since Kidbrooke days, and has made a plucky fight against a lot of ill-health.

G. O. Douglas

6th October, 1947

Mrs. F. Bates and Mrs. E. M. Wright were engaged as cleaners to-day. The latter is perhaps the most vivacious and attractive cleaner we have had.

10th October, 1947

Mr. F. Solari, who has been in the A. I. D. since 1936, and has seen service in U. S. A., was transferred here to-day as Inspector I/C. of Physics Section.

17th October, 1947

Miss K. F. Chapman, typist, attains her 21st birthday to-day, and we wish her all the best.

20th October, 1947

Mr. Bond, who was transferred to Woolwich in February, returned to Test House to-day to join our permanent drawing-office staff. Mr. H. Larney was engaged as a labourer.

22nd October, 1947

Miss Maureen Thomas was engaged as an Assistant (Scientific) in Physics Section to-day. She is a daughter of Mr. A. E. Thomas of Metrology.

27th October, 1947

Mr. Tom. Carter was engaged as a labourer. We understand he has a bit of a "reputation" locally.

30th October, 1947

Mr. D. M. V. Eyre, B.A., our young Examiner in Chemistry Section, resigned to-day to take up other employment.

R. V. Eyre

31st October, 1947

Mr. C. J. Byers of the clerical staff, left us rather suddenly on transfer (we understand) to Birmingham. Mrs. Byers remains here, and there are rumours of a domestic upheaval, for his name has become linked with a member of our telephone staff.

3rd November, 1947

Mr. E. C. Edgson was engaged as "Mate" in Maintenance Section. We understand he may also be useful as an M/T. Driver. To organise the latent talent among our staff it has been decided to form a Theatrical Group, and their inaugural meeting was held this evening.

4th November, 1947

Mr. H. Larney, labourer, resigned. He has only been here a fortnight.

7th November, 1947

Mrs. Bates, cleaner, resigned. She finds the pressure of her own domestic duties too much for her.

11th November, 1947

W. Brooker.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. F. T. Brooker, one of our storemen. Only aged 28, he had been ailing for some time, and our sympathy goes to his wife and family. His father remains in our employ.

14th November, 1947

Miss. M. Gristwood, telephonist, resigned to-day. We understand there is a strong attachment between her and Mr. C. J. Byers.

25th November, 1947

Miss. O. W. Pritchard, Assistant Examiner, who came to us in August, resigned to-day to take up other employment.

28th November, 1947

Mrs. G. M. Hinton, M/T. Driver, finally left us to-day, after having been with us for two spells of duty.

30th November, 1947

Mr. F. C. Price, Chief Examiner in Chemistry Section, resigned to take up other employment. He has been with the A. I. D. since 1938, and will be missed at Test House. We understand he may be proceeding abroad.

11th December, 1947

Mr. G. Shone was engaged as an Electrical Fitter to-day. He seems a very nice type of fellow.

M.O.S. Harefield Establishment
Local Whitley Committee, Staff Side

Circular No. S.S.W.1.

19th December, 1947.

SEARCHES

Considerable concern appears to have arisen in the minds of a number of the staff in connection with the implementation of searches, and the Committee of the Staff Side feel, therefore, that some clarification of the position would be helpful to members of its constituent Associations.

In the first place, it must be appreciated that, in accordance with your conditions of service (A.P. 826, para. 46), the Head of Establishment has power to instigate search of individuals for official property. While, legally, you could refuse to submit to such a search without production of a search warrant, it is as well to point out that such an attitude would not be in the interests of the Department and could lead to your discharge.

On the other hand, you are entitled, if you so desire, to have a witness present while the search is carried out and your Association officials are always willing to perform this service.

It is hoped that this explanation will remove from your minds any qualms on this subject - but remember that if you have any cause for doubt or complaint, see your Association officials.

A. Thompson Chairman.

Vera S. Moor Secretary.

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16th December, 1947

Mrs. A.M. Hodge, one of our most popular cleaners, left us to-day. We understand she is moving out of the district.

20th December, 1947

Our Annual Christmas Party washeld this evening, when the programme included sketches given by the recently-formed Theatrical Group.

24th December, 1947

As Christmas Eve comes round we lose one of our precocious and lively typists by the resignation of Miss Yvonne Donne, also a very talkative cleaner by the resignation of Miss E.A. Winwright.

31st December, 1947

As the year closes, we note with satisfaction one job which the Whitley Committee has been able to get done, and that is the erection of a covered way between Test House and Harefield House. This is being constructed at the moment, and will undoubtedly prove a great boon.

2nd January, 1948

Mr. J. Schofield, B.Sc., Senior Examiner of N/D. Tests Section, resigned to-day. We understand he is entering Glasgow University. Mr. G. Walker, labourer, also resigned. He has been with us since 1941, and has now reached the age of 66.

13th January, 1948

Mrs. Bates, cleaner, who has been here once before, was re-engaged, and Miss J.F. Smith, our tall and good-looking Lab. Assistant in Metallurgy, resigned to-day to take up other employment.

30th January, 1948

This has been a month of very few staff movements, but to-day Mr. C.O.G. Hodge, S/S. labourer, was released to take up employment elsewhere, and Miss A.L. Reynolds ("Anne Lucy") was transferred to the Admiralty. We know one member of the staff who will miss her anyway.

2nd February, 1948

We have an addition to the staff to-day in the person of Sgt.S.F.Baxter, A.M.Constabulary, who we understand is to replace Sgt.Bartholomew. He is an ex-Lifeguardman, and a fine figure.

10th February, 1948

Mrs.Bates, cleaner, resigned again. She really can't manage the job.

12th February, 1948

Mr.E.Haggood, labourer, who has been with us since 1946, died to-day after a short illness.

13th February, 1948

Mrs.J.V.Humphries, cleaner, who has been with us for a year, resigned to-day. She thinks she has found a better job.

16th February, 1948

Miss.M.T.Harrison, daughter of one of our temporary clerks, was engaged as a telephonist. She certainly brings good looks with her. Mr.R.J.Page, who was called up in 1944, was re-instated to-day on his return from the Forces, and Mrs.E.Palmer was engaged as a cleaner.

23rd February, 1948

We lose another old friend to-day, when our popular Sergeant Bartholomew was transferred to Cosford, Staffs. He has been with us since 1939, and his genial personality will be missed.

24th February, 1948

Mr.E.Kiss, our dapper little constable, was discharged to-day on grounds of redundancy.

1st March, 1948

Mr.V.R.Wybrow, Chief Examiner, who was with us at Kidbrooke, was transferred to Test House to-day for duty in the Metallurgy Section. So we welcome an old friend back.

2nd March, 1948

Mr.R.W.Brock, A.M.Constable, was discharged to-day on grounds of redundancy.

22nd March, 1948

Mr.A.A.Gradidge was recruited to the ranks of our Constabulary to-day, and Mr.J.Wiggins, labourer, who was discharged in 1947, was re-engaged.

23rd March, 1948

Mr.M.Jones, and Mr.Maguire, two local men, were engaged as labourers to-day.

30th March, 1948

Mr.I.A.Harris, Senior Examiner, was transferred here to-day, for duty with Rad./Elec. Section.

31st March, 1948.

Mr.Goodman of Metrology Section resigned. He rejoiced in the Christian names of "Algernon George Sumner". Mrs.G.M.Harris (formerly Miss Heard) also resigned to-day for domestic reasons, as did Mrs.D.W.Roke (nee Harding), and Mr.P.L.Stride, Chief Examiner, who takes up other employment.

2nd April, 1948

Miss B.M.Bailey, telephone operator, resigned to-day. Vivacious, cheeky, and rather irresponsible, she has nevertheless become quite popular, and has held her job, surprisingly enough, for nearly four years.

B. Bailey

6th April, 1948

An excellent Entertainment was given by the Theatrical Group this evening, when some short plays were presented. One of these was entitled "Five at 'The George'".

7th April, 1948

We learn to-day that Mr. D. B. Cobb was engaged two days ago as a Lab. Assistant in the Chemistry, and that yesterday Constable A. C. Field, having reached the age limit, retired, and Mr. Jones, labourer, was released at his own request. To-day Mr. W. J. Murphy, labourer, was released at his own request also. He is a typical irresponsible Irishman.

12th April, 1948

Mr. A. Graham, a Scot who comes from The Hebrides, was engaged as an Assistant (Scientific) in Chemistry Section, and Mr. J. Holliday, was transferred here for duty in Metallurgy Section. Mr. F. Pearce was engaged as a labourer to-day.

16th April, 1948

Mr. C. J. Radcliffe, Senior Examiner, leaves us to-day to take up other employment. A very "North Country" type, he is probably returning to his native county.

19th April, 1948

Mr. A. V. Godwin, a retired railway clerk, was engaged as a messenger to-day.

23rd April, 1948

Mr. Maguire, labourer, resigned to take up more lucrative employment elsewhere. He has been here a month. Mrs. E. Palmer, cleaner, also resigned - on health grounds.

26th April, 1948

Mrs. L. Gradidge, wife of our recently-engaged Constable, was engaged as a cleaner. Mrs. J. V. Humphries, who left us in February, has applied to come back, and we have agreed to take her on again.

30th April, 1948

Mrs. W. L. Parker, Senior Examiner, of Chemistry Section, resigned to-day, and we understand she is going to Australia. She came to the A. I. D. as Miss Bainbridge in 1930, and has been at Harefield since 1940.

3rd May, 1948

Mr. D. J. Weldon, a tall handsome young fellow, was engaged as Assistant (Scientific) in Chemistry Section. The chances are that at least one of our girls will catch him.

4th May, 1948

We had another fine exhibition of Table Tennis given by International Stars in the Canteen this evening.

8th May, 1948

Another Test House Wedding to-day, when Mr. W. Thompson and Miss Dorothy Ridley were married. A presentation has been made to them on behalf on the staff.

19th May, 1948

Mr. A. E. Thomas (son of Constable Thomas) was engaged as a labourer to-day. This is the third "A. E. Thomas" we have now, so we must watch out for a "comedy of errors".

24th May, 1948

Mr. J. J. Mullord of Cowley was engaged as a messenger to-day.

27th May, 1948

Mrs. L. Phipps - wife of George our C/H.M/T. Driver - was engaged as a part-time temporary clerk to-day.

2nd June, 1948

Mr. R. V. Seymour of Hillingdon was engaged as a labourer to-day.

6th June, 1948

Mr. C. W. Dockwray, semi-skilled labourer, died to-day. He had been ill for some time, but we are very sorry to lose him.

9th June, 1948

Mrs. N. M. Webb was engaged as a cleaner. A rather superior type of woman for this work we think. Our good wishes go to Joan Crook, who is twenty-one to-day.

J. Crook

14th June, 1948

Mrs. G. L. Smith was engaged as a cleaner. We always seem to maintain a fairly large family of Smiths.

21st June, 1948

Mrs. I. Milton was engaged as a cleaner to-day.

26th June, 1948

Mr. J. J. Mullord, messenger, who came to us last month, was discharged to-day as unsuitable.

28th June, 1948

Mrs. R. E. Young was engaged to-day to a newly-created post - Reproduction Operator Grade B. She is the mother of Joan Young, one of our typists.

30th June, 1948

Mr. L. S. Ibbotson, our very popular A.I.l. in Metallurgy Section, left us to-day on transfer to F.V.I., London.

5th July, 1948

To-day there comes into force the new National Insurance Act, which will have far-reaching and, we hope beneficial, effects upon us all. The beginnings of the Welfare State are now well and truly with us.

16th July, 1948

Miss M. T. Harrison, who came to us as a telephone-operator in February, resigned to-day to take up other employment. We wish her every success.

21st July, 1948

Mr. B.N.C. Amos, a young Assistant (Scientific), joined the staff of Physics Section to-day.

24th July, 1948

Our Annual Garden Party was held in the grounds to-day, and was a reasonable success.

26th July, 1948

A new recruit to our telephone switchboard was engaged to-day. She is Miss M. Aldis, a young girl from Hillingdon.

9th August, 1948

Mr. J.A. Wrenn, who seems a very quiet young man, was appointed to-day as Senior Examiner in Chemistry Section.

10th August, 1948

Mr. Windsor Evans and Mr. J. Jenkins were engaged as Senior Examiners in Metallurgy Section to-day. Two typical Welshmen.

13th August, 1948

Mr. B.N.C. Amos of Physics Section, was called up for military service. He has only been with us since July 21st.

16th August, 1948

Mr. E.P. Corderoy from Uxbridge was engaged as a labourer to-day, and Mr. Victor Seal of Hillingdon was appointed as an Assistant (Scientific) in Chemistry Section.

17th August, 1948

Miss Joan Young, typist, resigned to-day. She came to us in July 1947, and her efficiency has certainly improved though her health has not been very good.

20th August, 1948

Mr. D. B. Cobb, who joined us in April, resigned to take up full-time study.

23rd August, 1948

Miss Brenda Mitchell was engaged as a typist to-day. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mitchell, one of our cleaners.

24th August, 1948

Miss Joan Crook, one of our popular shorthand-typists, left us for other employment. She has become super-efficient at shorthand, and we hear she is likely to go far in her profession.

27th August, 1948

Miss M. Aldis, telephonist, who joined us in July, resigned for health reasons. She found the hours and journey rather too much. We also had to release Miss Glenys Richards who has been away on extended sick leave in a sanatorium for many months. The sympathy and good wishes of us all go with her.

30th August, 1948

Mr. W. Bray, a local inhabitant, was engaged as a labourer to-day.

6th September, 1948

Mrs. G. M. Inwood, who comes from Iver, was engaged as a telephonist to-day, and Mr. R. Milne, Chief Examiner, was transferred here for duty in the Rad./Elec. Section. Another appointment was of Miss B. A. Sturdy who comes to Chemistry Section as an Examiner.

13th September, 1948

Mr. A. Sykes, A.I.l. of Rec./Elec/. Section, was transferred to Leatherhead to-day. He will be missed - especially by the Theatrical Group.

A. Sykes

20th September, 1948

Miss P. Carpenter was engaged as an Assistant (Scientific). A younger sister of Joan, she has a fine figure and carriage, and plenty of glamour.

27th September, 1948

Miss Zena Collis, a striking-looking girl from Rickmansworth, joined the Metallurgy Section as Assistant (Scientific). Mr. R. C. Egerton, Chief Examiner, was transferred to E. M. I., Hayes, and Mr. J. M. Jones was engaged as Assistant (Scientific) in Chemistry Section, while a newcomer to Materials H. Q. is Mrs V. Marston, shorthand typist. She is a neice of Miss Bignell. Still another appointment to-day is Miss Averil Watson, a rather sweet little girl, who comes to the Drawing Office as a learner tracer.

29th September, 1948

Mr. R. S. Williamson was engaged as a labourer to-day. He probably won't last long here.

1st October, 1948

Mrs. B. Elvery, who has been with us since 1941, resigned to-day for domestic reasons. Better known as Betty Child, she is a very popular member of the staff, and we are sorry to lose her. We also lose Miss Josie Salmon, typist, to-day, who leaves to take up other employment.

J. Salmon

4th October, 1948

Miss R. Goodyear, an attractive, though rather irresponsible-looking girl, was engaged as Assistant (Scientific) to-day. She is a daughter of our Mrs. Goodyear, and sister of Meagan.

11th October, 1948

Mr. W. R. McGill was engaged as a Grade I labourer for duty in the Stores, and Mr. H. J. Osborne was appointed as Assistant (Scientific) in Chemistry Section.

12th October, 1948

Mr. G. Mower was engaged as a labourer, and Mr. R.S. Williamson who came on September 29th was released to-day at his own request.

15th October, 1948

Mrs. M. Webb, who came to us as a cleaner in June, resigned to-day. We didn't think she would last very long at this work.

18th October, 1948

Mr. F. H. H. Dudmesh, Executive Officer, was transferred here to-day to supervise the Accounts Section.

22nd October, 1948

We all had a shock to-day, when we heard of the sudden death of Mr. W. F. Gibson. Formerly Civil Defence Officer, and latterly a temporary clerk, his forceful personality will be missed by everyone, especially by his colleagues on the clerical staff.

25th October, 1948

Mr. A. W. How was engaged as a fitter-turner. He is the father of Mr. H. A. W. How, who has been with us since 1944. Mrs. E. Palmer was engaged as a cleaner to-day.

31st October, 1948

Mr. V. H. Nelson, our "semi-American" H.C.O., was transferred to-day to E.A.C., Bath.

2nd November, 1948

The Theatrical Group presented the play "Letters to a Lady", this evening. Excellent performances were given by Jean Jennings and Daphné Page.

11th November, 1948

A fascinating film on "Atomic Physics" was shown in the Canteen this evening by the Film Society.

17th November, 1948

One of the now regular visits by a party of trainee clerical officers was made to Test House to-day.

22nd November, 1948

Mr. A.M. Fraser of Rad./Elec. Section was transferred to Telecommunications, Cambridge to-day, and Mr. A.E. Hills was transferred to B.T.H., Rugby. A third departure was Mr. A. Thompson who goes on transfer to Manchester. Familiarly known as "Housing Thompson", he had a pet scheme for getting houses built for all the staff, but like many another pet scheme, nothing came of it. Finally a fourth departure is Mr. S.A. Williams, who goes on transfer to Coventry.

24th November, 1948

Miss M.J. Stevens was engaged as a shorthand-typist to-day. She suffers from the loss of one eye, and is very nervous, but we hope she may make good.

13th December, 1948

Mr. E.P. Corderoy, labourer, resigned to-day to take up other employment. Mr. R.W. Shields was appointed as Assistant (Scientific) in Chemistry Section. He is probably the tallest member of the staff.

18th December, 1948

The Christmas Party was held this evening. The programme included a Dramatic Entertainment by the Theatrical Group, which was very good.

3rd January, 1949

The first newcomer this year is Mr. W. Johnson, who is already known to several members of the staff. He comes to the Chemistry Section as an A.I.L.

10th January, 1949

Miss M.E.Alcock was transferred to Est.1 (D), Adelphi to-day. Her health has not been very good of late, but perhaps a change of environment will improve it.

12th January, 1949

Miss Maureen Gibbs, a young and vivacious girl from Denham, was engaged for clerical duties in the Library.

17th January, 1949

There was another addition to our clerical staff to-day in the person of Mr.C.R.Beauchamp, clerical officer. He has recently been discharged from H.M.Forces.

28th January, 1949

Mr.D.J.Weldon, our good-looking Assistant (Scientific), resigned to-day to take up another post, in industry. As we prophesied when he came, he has made his conquests with the fair sex.

7th February, 1949

Miss C.J.Hutton, a rather quiet girl from Rickmansworth, was engaged as Assistant (Scientific) in Chemistry Section. Mr.A.D.H.Pearce was engaged as a labourer, and Mr.J.S.Walker, who has been with the Department since 1938, was transferred here for duty in Metallurgy Section.

11th February, 1949

Miss Daphne Page, the tall and attractive sister of Dick Page, resigned to-day to take up outside employment.

D. Page

14th February, 1949

Miss Joyce Dear was engaged as an Assistant (Scientific) in Chemistry Section. She combines pleasantness with bulk.

17th February, 1949

The Theatrical Group presented an evening of Short Plays. One of these was "Red Sky at Night", in which Kathleen Chapman gave a good performance.

25th February, 1949

Mrs. D.E. Thompson (née Ridley) resigned to-day for domestic reasons. We shall miss Dorothy and her skillful designing of Social Club Posters. She has been with us for nearly nine years.

26th February, 1949

Another Test House Wedding to-day, when Miss V.M. Boxshall was married to Mr. F. Marsh. Both popular members of the staff, they have the good wishes of us all.

• 1st March, 1949

Miss M.D. Hecker, a charming and glamorous girl, was engaged to-day as Assistant (Scientific) in Chemistry Section.

4th March, 1949

Mrs. Phipps, one of our part-time temporary clerks, resigned to-day for domestic reasons.

11th March, 1949

Mr. G.L. Batchelor, Lab. Assistant, was called up to-day for service with H.M. Forces.

14th March, 1949

Mr. C.W. Bray was engaged as a labourer. He is a well-known local resident.

21st March, 1949

Mr. M.D. Owen, a young lad of sixteen, was appointed as temporary clerk grade III, for duties in Rad./Elec. Section.