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A HAPPY

NEW YEAR

Here are some dates for your diary

24th December	Christmas Eve Dance in Pavilion
26th December	Boxing Day Dance in Pavilion
31st December	New Year Eve Dance in Pavilion
20th January	Group 10 Dinner in Pavilion
27th January	Laboratory Social in Pavilion

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Christmas Message

I welcome this opportunity of being able to send to all readers of *Chance Comments* best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and to express to them the hope that they all may find much happiness during the coming year.



Managing Director

THIS MONTH'S COVER

Every year we try to introduce a little of the Christmas spirit into the December issue of *Chance Comments* and it is in keeping with this that the cover photograph was chosen.

PORTSMOUTH HOSPITALS SYRINGE SERVICE

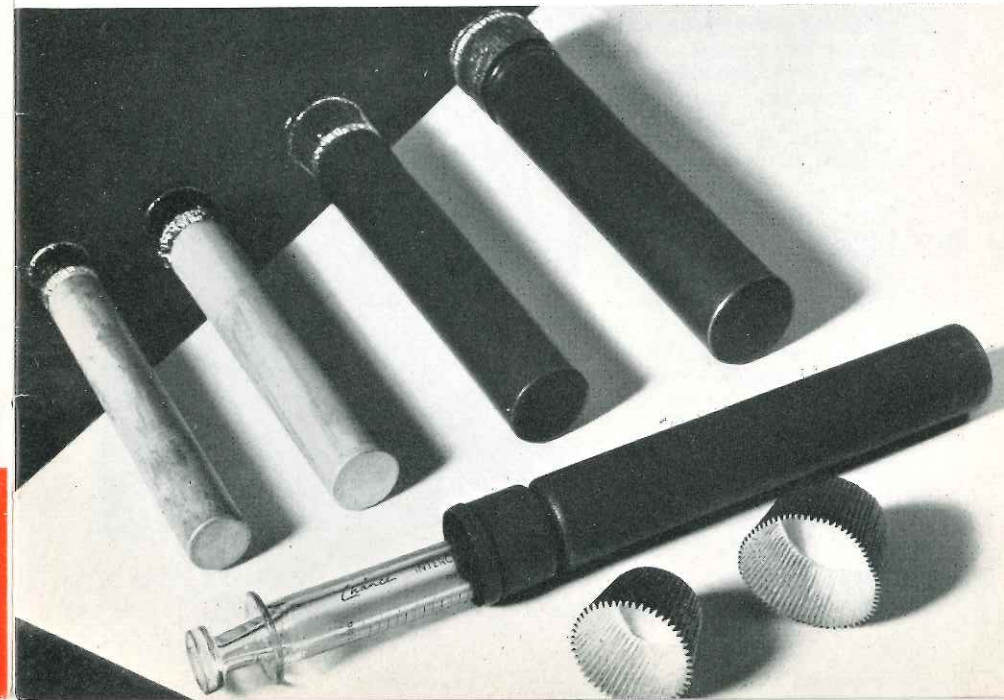
BY A CONSULTANT PATHOLOGIST

SYRINGES are being increasingly used in all branches of medicine. The reason for it is not far to seek for doctors now find that there are many new drugs which will combat infections and cure disease which must be given directly into the body, since many of these drugs do not act if swallowed.

Medical research has also found that many diseases can be avoided by giving preventive injections, such diseases are poliomyelitis, diphtheria and tuberculosis. Syringes are also used to give anaesthetics to people undergoing operations, and for the withdrawals of blood that are required for laboratory tests which establish the diagnosis and control treatment.

Editor's note—This article will be of particular interest to our employees at the Malvern works where syringes are made.

THE FOUR SIZES OF ALUMINIUM CONTAINERS SEALED WITH A FOIL COVER IN WHICH THE FOUR SIZES OF SYRINGES ARE STERILIZED IN THE PORTSMOUTH SERVICE. THE SYRINGE IS SUSPENDED BY THE RIM OF THE BARREL ON THE INDENTATION OF TUBE (SEE FOREGROUND), TO PREVENT BREAKAGE OF METAL TIP AND BLUNTING OF THE NEEDLE. TWO SIZES OF PLEATED CAPS ARE ALSO SHOWN.



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THE BOXES OF SYRINGES IN THEIR CONTAINERS PLACED ON A TROLLEY AWAITING TRANSPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE HOSPITAL.

In the past it was the practice for the nurse to boil the syringe in water on the wards or to store them in spirit between use. It has now been found much more practicable to provide a service which distributes syringes ready-sterilised for immediate use. Such a service has been established at Portsmouth and syringes are distributed to some thirty-seven hospitals in this area, and in November will be extended to eleven more as soon as the extra syringes are available.

In order to preserve the syringes in a sterile state they are enclosed in aluminium containers which are sealed with an aluminium foil seal, similar to those used to cover the tops of bottles, and makes them airtight, (Photo 1). These sealed syringes are packed in specially designed cardboard boxes which are placed on a trolley and sent to the hospitals by special vans, (Photo 2). Each ward is then provided with a box of syringes which is avail-

THE SYRINGES AFTER USE BEING WASHED IN A BATH OF HOT, SOAPY WATER. THE ROTATING CAM RAISES AND LOWERS PINBOARD HOLDING THE SYRINGES, INTO THE BATH TO ENSURE THE BARREL AND NOZZLE IS CLEANED THOROUGHLY.



THE SYRINGES BEING LUBRICATED, ASSEMBLED AND MOUNTED WITH NEEDLES BEFORE BEING PLACED IN THE ALUMINIUM CONTAINERS.



able for any injections which might be necessary. So frequently are syringes used that it has been found necessary to provide approximately one or two syringes per day for every patient in the hospital. When the syringe has been used it is rinsed in cold water and replaced in its container and returned in its cardboard box to the Syringe Service. Here specially trained girls dismantle the syringes and by aid of machinery wash them thoroughly, (Photo 3). These are dried on a moving belt and inspected. After inspection the syringes are re-assembled but in order to ensure that the plunger moves smoothly, the syringes are lubricated with a silicone. Before placing a syringe in its container it is fitted with a needle, (Photo 4). Particular care is taken of the needles in the Service since nobody cares to be injected with a blunt needle. For this reason before use every needle is examined under the microscope to see whether the needle point is sharp, (Photo 5).

After assembly the syringe and needle is placed in an aluminium

container sealed with foil cap by a special machine. The syringes are now sterilised by placing them on a tray on a moving belt which carries them under a series of infra red heaters, (Photo 6). Because of the high temperature, any germs that may be present are killed, so that there is no danger of infection being carried from one patient to the next. The whole sterilising process takes twenty-three minutes. As soon as the syringes are cooled, the girls fill up the boxes for delivery on the following day.

The service operates with a stock of some 22,232 syringes of which 60% are 2 ml. Recently about 66,000 syringes have been re-sterilised monthly and during the last six months 380,365 syringes were used. Of these, 3,288 were broken and 2,219 had to be condemned as they became worn out, chipped, or for some reason no longer useable. As the service uses entirely Chance syringes, usually only the plunger or barrel has to be replaced. The metal tip from the barrel is the commonest form of breakage. As the service has now



A SYRINGE ORDERLY EXAMINING THE POINT OF THE NEEDLE UNDER MICROSCOPE TO ENSURE THAT IT IS SHARP.

been in operation for some thirteen years many of the syringes have been in use for many years. Exactly how long a syringe will last is difficult to determine, but of fifty-four specially marked syringes sent by Mr. T. A. S. Green, General Sales Manager to Chance Brothers, for trial on February 1959, only two have been broken up to date. Last year the breakage rate of all syringes used, given as a percentage was 0.56.

The service operates on a seven day week, since the hospitals have to work continuously. To undertake the processing, sterilisation and delivery of the syringes fourteen girls are employed who take turns

to do Sunday duty. Five of these are responsible for cleaning and sharpening the needles. The service is in charge of a Nursing Sister.

Although the service at Portsmouth is probably the first service of its kind to operate in this country, a number of hospitals are setting up similar services throughout this country, and even abroad. The need for syringes seems never ending.

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My thanks are due to Mr. B. C. Farcourt of the Portsmouth Hospital Group Photography Service for photograph number 5, and to Mr. J. A. Hewes for the other pictures.



A SYRINGE ORDERLY SEALING THE LOADED CONTAINER WITH A FOIL CAP. A TRAY OF SEALED SYRINGES AND CONTAINERS ARE BEING STERILIZED BY PASSING THEM UNDER A SERIES OF HIGH TEMPERATURE 'INFRA-RED' HEATERS.

Christmas

But what do you know about it?

by QUIZ MASTER

A Quiz is a wonderful ice-breaker at parties. You will find, too, that it is just the thing to start after the Christmas dinner when everyone is feeling disinclined for anything strenuous.

The 16 questions and answers compiled here will serve and perhaps suggest others that will make a special appeal to the company.

- Where did Christmas begin?
 - Nazareth
 - Jerusalem
 - Bethlehem
- When were Christmas Crackers first invented?
 - 1650
 - 1900
 - 1851
- Why do we celebrate Christmas on December 25th?
 - Because it is the actual date of Christ's birth
 - The date ordered by the Church for its observance
 - Because it superseded old pagan celebrations
- Who designed the first purchasable Christmas Card?
 - An Englishman
 - A Frenchman
 - An American
- Why are evergreens used to decorate the house at Christmas time?
 - Our ancestors used them
 - They are cheaper than flowers
 - They adorned the Bethlehem stable
- Who was the original Santa Claus?
 - A magician
 - A bishop
 - A rich American
- When is "St. Dystaff's Day"?
 - December 26th
 - January 7th
 - December 29th
- What does holly symbolize?
 - Plenty
 - The Crown of Thorns
 - Of no particular significance
- How did Boxing Day get its name?
 - Duels were fought on this day
 - Gifts from alms boxes were made to the poor
 - Unwanted Christmas presents were boxed-up and returned
- What was the content of the first Mince Pies?
 - Apple
 - Meat
 - Cheese
- How long has turkey been the traditional Christmas Dinner?
 - 100 yrs
 - 900 yrs
 - 500 yrs
- What is the legend of the Christmas Tree?
 - St. Boniface proposed it should be an emblem
 - Its the tree that stood nearest the Holy Stable
 - Its the only tree that keeps green in winter
- Why do we kiss under the mistletoe?
 - Because it creates a happy party spirit
 - It was a sacred pagan plant
 - Its a symbol of love
- How many pieces go to make one Christmas Cracker?
 - 10
 - 23
 - 16
- Who are "mummers"?
 - Players who mime a play.
 - People who won't "let their hair down" at parties
 - Those who won't talk to strangers
- What is a carol?
 - A rolled-up Christmas card
 - A festive hymn
 - A Christmas bill

Answers on page 16.

FIRST ROUND



in the beauty stakes



ABOVE: FLAT GLASS—ANN JONES AND KATHLEEN HADLEY.

RIGHT: OLD HALL AND LABORATORY—CHRISTINE GARRINGTON AND MARGARET PERKINS.

DURING the past few weeks some departments have held their Group competitions to select two girls to go forward to the Chance Glass Queen competition to be held at the T.I. Ball-room on 10th February. The winner of the Chance Brothers final will go forward to the Pilkington Group competition to be held at the Winter Gardens Blackpool, on 10th March, 1961.

Here are pictures of some of the C.B. finalists. Blown and Pressed, Maintenance and Construction, Malvern, and possibly Glasgow and London office, still have to select their representatives.



LEFT: GENERAL OFFICES—RONA WHITEHURST AND CAROL PARTRIDGE WITH "PROMOTER" BUNNY BRYAN.



★ CHANCE SNAPSHOTS ★



BELOW: MRS. VIOLET GILLGLESS OF FIESTA BECAME A GRANDMOTHER RECENTLY: WE GIVE THIS AS THE FIRST ENTRY IN A BEAUTY COMPETITION FOR GRANDMOTHERS WHO ARE EMPLOYED HERE. NAMES OF CONTESTANTS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MRS. JOYCE TAYLOR, WELFARE SUPERVISOR. THE EDITOR WILL TAKE PICTURES OF ENTRANTS.



ABOVE: CECIL AUSTIN AND MISS IRENE UFFEN GAVE A DELIGHTFUL CONCERT IN THE PAVILION ON 28TH OCTOBER.



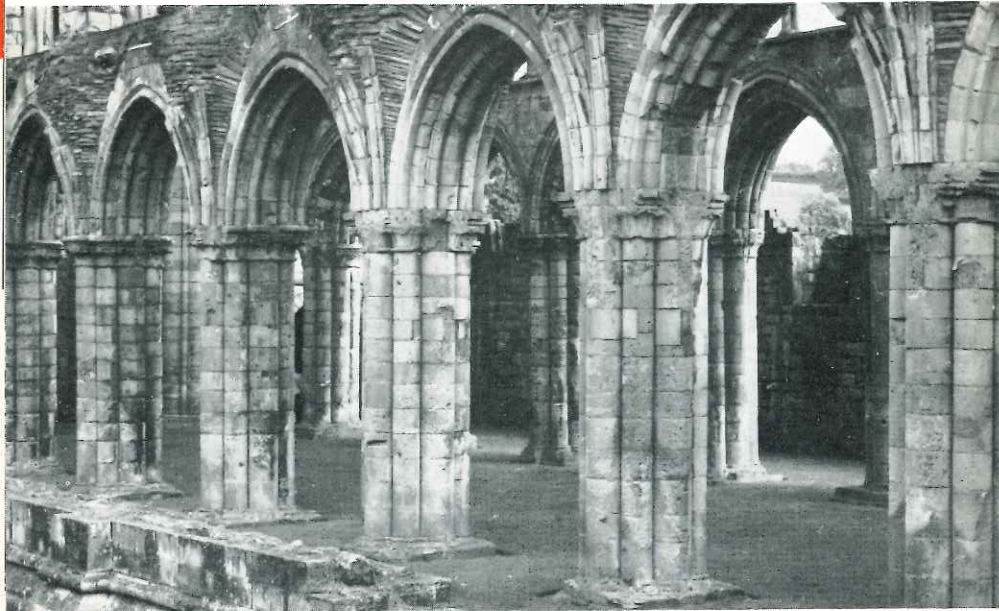
RIGHT: FOR THE FUN OF IT THE OVER 30's IN THE FLAT GLASS DIVISION PARADE FOR THE GLASS QUEEN COMPETITION.



LEFT: A "DIFFERENT" FORM OF CONCERT AT A BLOWN AND PRESSED DIVISION EVENING IN THE PAVILION.



PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



▲ ABOVE: EDDIE GOWANS WON THE "ARCHITECTURAL" SECTION AND ALSO THE BEST PHOTOGRAPH IN THE COMPETITION.



▲ LEFT: RON MOORE ALSO WON THE "GENERAL" SECTION.

RIGHT: FOR THE SECOND YEAR, RON MOORE'S SON HELPED DAD TO WIN THE "PERSONAL" SECTION. ▶



▼ BELOW: THE "LANDSCAPE" SECTION WAS WON BY JOHN PAICE.





by VIOLET M. WILLIAMS

"I AM going to make an extra special Christmas pudding this year," said Pip, to his elf friend, Pennytop. "It's going to be the best Christmas pudding we've ever had!"

"Good!" said Pennytop. "And I'll help—that is, to *eat* it," he added, hastily, in case busy Pip gave him anything to do!

Pip took such trouble with the pudding. It was an *enormous* one. It took up almost a whole shelf and Pennytop wished that Christmas Day would hurry up so that they could have a bit more room in the larder.

At last the great day came and Pip was rushing about all over the place preparing for the party later. Pennytop was managing to look busy too, but *he* had time to plan a naughty trick to play on Pip.

The mischievous elf tiptoed into the larder and tucked the enormous pudding under his arm.

"I'll hide it," he giggled. "Pip will have such a shock."



Now the Wise Woman always came and had Christmas dinner with the elves and this time she came along extra early to see if she could help. She was just in time to see Pennytop staggering off with the pudding.

"Ho ho! Pennytop is up to his tricks again," she said, knowingly. "I'll turn the tables and put the joke on *him*!"

The old lady waved her stick, which served as a magic wand, and muttered something which sounded like "Gooseberry Gumdrops" and then she went chuckling into the cottage to see Pip.

Meanwhile, Pennytop trotted along, meaning to go back soon and pretend that he'd found the pudding in the woods.

"I'll tell Pip that it's such a clever pudding that it had run away by itself," he chortled.

"Like this?" squeaked the pudding.

Before Pennytop knew what was happening the pudding had leapt out of its basin and cloth and was *jumping* along the path!

What a time poor Pennytop had! The pudding leapt here and there and bounded like a great big ball as high as the tree tops.

"Oh dear, Pip will never forgive me," moaned Pennytop. "Dear pudding, *do* come back!"

At last the poor elf managed to grab the pudding and he raced back to the cottage with it.

The Wise Woman had told Pip what had happened and she and the elf were waiting for Pip with big grins on their faces.

"Come on, pudding," giggled Pip. "I'm ready to warm you in the pan and dish you up."

But the Wise Woman's spell had been stronger than she thought. The pudding had enjoyed his jaunt so much that he flatly refused to be eaten!

Even a warm coating of nice yellow custard did not soften him and he just sprang off the dish defiantly!

"Never mind," said the Wise Woman, at last. "I have an idea. Let him be a *permanent* pudding! I'll turn him into cardboard and paper and fill him with nice presents for us all."

And that's what she did.

"I never thought a pretend Christmas pudding could be as good as a real one," grinned Pennytop.



Facts about Christmas

December 25th was the feast day of the old Roman god Saturn and an occasion of merry-making, when even the slaves were given temporary freedom and waited upon by their Roman masters who competed with each other to grant every privilege.

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The Church does not contend that December 25th is the exact date on which the Holy Child was born in Bethlehem. In the early days of Christianity, the Feast of the Nativity was kept on a variety of dates including January 6th, March 29th, September 29th, and December 25th. Ultimately, under the influence of the Western world, December 25th was appointed the official anniversary.

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Christmas superseded the festival of the winter solstice of the ancient Pagan nations. While the old Romans were observing Saturnalia, the Scandinavian worshippers of Odin, or Woden, were kindling the fires of Yule in his honour.

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Like Yule itself, the Yule log which now burns cheerfully in domestic grates is of heathen origin. It is a survival of the huge fires which were lighted in the Viking lands of Northern Europe as men and beasts were sacrificed to the war god holding court in Valhalla.

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In Sweden, Christmastide celebrations open on December 13th the Feast of St. Lucia, with the Festival of Lights—a Christian adaptation of Yule and the winter solstice ritual—and ends on December 31st with revelry—farewells to the Old Year, and gay Swedish reunion parties all over the world.

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Old Christmas Day, January 6th known as Twelfth Night and the Feast of the Epiphany, has been shorn of its old-time hilarious merriment and is now marked only by Twelfth Night revels and sedate dinner-dances. Formerly, it was a day for country festivals and a rewarding time for mummers. Orchards were wassailed to the chanting of "Here's to thee old apple tree."

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Twelfth Night itself was once the night of greatest revelry of the year, eclipsing in sheer merriment even Christmas Day itself. The rural festivals had their "queens"—thought by some to be a modern refinement—and their "kings," too, who were elected by the "lot of bean and pea." The huge, magnificently decorated, Twelfth Night cake was borne in procession into hall or barn, ceremonially cut and a portion handed to everyone present. The person in whose portion the bean was found was hailed "king," while the one whose piece hid the pea was "queen."

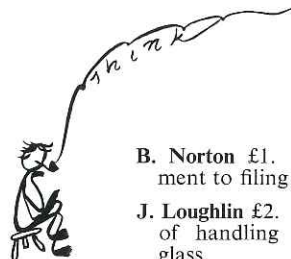
SUGGESTION SCHEME

At the October and November meetings 29 ideas were adopted and the tax free awards totalled over £61.

A summary of the awards made are as follows:—

Flat Glass

L. Mason £1. Alterations to the duck board at the Lehr end.



B. Norton £1. Improvement to filing cabinet.

J. Loughlin £2. A method of handling 60" wide glass.

T. Collier 10s. For a suggestion which could not be adopted but was worthy of merit.



G. Clack £2 5s. 0d. Colouring of gas pipes to correspond with glassmaking charts.

W. Hipkiss £1. Improved lighting in Export Warehouse.

W. Davis £1 5s. 0d. Installation of telephone at No. 1 Lehr end.

L. G. Cannell £1 5s. 0d. Installation of a second control button on Sharratt and Newth cutting machine.

Maintenance and Construction

D. Parry £4. Installation of lifting tackle to assist in reblocking of furnaces.

E. Perks 10s. For thought given to improved jig to assist block positioning which was impracticable.



G. Watton £2. An idea to improve Rolled Plate machine transport.

R. A. Hedley £2. Improvements in relation to trailers.

W. J. Gardner £1 10s. 0d. A method of preventing corrosion of polishing machine bolts.

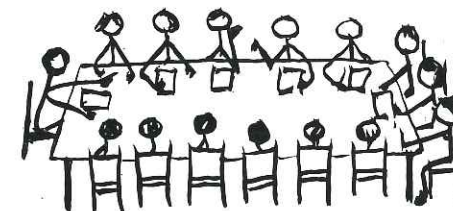


J. H. Carter £3. A stand to facilitate easier "buttering" of bricks.

K. Stokin 10s. For pointing out that a no smoking sign had not been replaced.

J. R. Turley 10s. For reminding Management that drain covers on the Vello track needed replacing.

Mrs. N. O'Riordan £2. For two safety suggestions.



The considered opinion

J. E. Simkin £1. For a safety suggestion.

Malvern Works

C. Ohren £1 15s. 0d. Special container for Toluol.

P. M. Powell £5. Use of peg board for 1 m.l. barrels.

L. M. Collins £2. Introduction of pilot light for Autoclave.

Security

D. M. Thompson £1. For pointing out that the Old Gatehouse floor should be mopped more frequently and the fire buckets required painting.

Mrs. J. Hill £2 5s. 0d. For suggesting that hydrant covers should be painted yellow.

Traffic

C. Page £2. Fitting a light over the clock in No. 3 Rolled Plate and a wicket gate at Kenricks.

Internal Transport

A. Shepherd £2 5s. 0d. Fixing a coupling hook to the front of tractors.

J. C. Cooke £1. Reposition a fire fighting equipment box.



THERE ARE STILL A FEW MORE DAYS TO GET IN YOUR SUGGESTION, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMPETITION. THE PRIZES FOR WHICH ARE:—

Furniture to the Value of £25

Electric Fire

A Food Hamper

IF THE PROCESS IS NECESSARY WE WILL FIND A BETTER WAY.





From all Departments

MOSTLY PERSONAL

Flat Glass

Rolled Plate department congratulates Isaiah Plummer on his recent marriage.

Fiesta welcomes two transferees from C.P.O.W., namely Dorothy Bloomer, and Walter Waterhouse, and one from Blown and Pressed, Iris Dabrowski.

Flossie Belton has returned to Fiesta after a period of absence due to illness.

Joe Ferrington of Rolled Plate has had a transfer to another department for reasons of health and we all hope that he will soon be quite fit again.

The Entertainments Committee of the division has been very successful in raising funds over the past year and it has been decided to use part of this income in sending a Christmas gift to retired personnel from this division.

Glasgow Works

A warm welcome is extended to Mr. C. L. Bullock who has returned to the Glasgow works as Assistant to Mr. Harris.

Best wishes to Elizabeth Anderson on her recent marriage to John Shanks. To mark the occasion the staff presented her with a tea trolley.

To David Christie and William Glencross who were married recently, we also extend best wishes.

Congratulations to James Meechan and his wife on the birth of a son and to John Ramsay and his wife on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. McDonald, William Rennie, Alf Tagg and William Black have all been away sick for several weeks. We wish them a speedy recovery.

We welcome Mrs. C. Cumming to the Purchase Department and hope she will be happy with us.

London Office

We are pleased to welcome our new receptionist/telephonist, Jean Vallance, who seems to have caught the Chance spirit already and we think she will be a very useful and pleasant addition to our staff.

Friends of Mr. H. S. Martin will no doubt be interested to hear that he has taken up residence in London and has, of course, made contact with us. He seems to have lost none of his characteristic vigour.

Malvern Works

At the time of going to press, our correspondent Miss D. Clare, is absent due to illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

There are many newcomers to our factory who are too numerous to name individually. We welcome them and wish them happiness in their new occupations.

The demand for the products of Malvern works has increased substantially in recent months and we are all making special efforts to increase output with the least possible delay. Previous weekly production records are being exceeded almost each week and we aim to more than double our output before the end of the year.

Maintenance and Construction

The department welcomes Michael Spencer who has been appointed to the position of Assistant Plant Engineer, and Valerie Mills who comes to us as a typist.

The Carpenters were sorry to lose Fred Hassell who has decided to take up residence in a country district.

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Jottings of shorter items and employees' contributions

BOUQUETS

Mr. B. Boorman has been appointed Manager in charge of all Warehouses at Spon Lane works.

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Mr. A. H. Bedford has been appointed Assistant Laboratory Manager.

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Mr. J. Davies has been elected as a Fellow of the Society of Glass Technology.

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Mr. D. D. Cooper of Buying department has been declared the winner of the National competition for the Hart Medal organised by the Purchasing Officer's Association. Mr. Cooper's winning paper was on Technological Progress and its effects on the Purchasing Function.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

See photographs and captions below.

JOSEPH STANLEY, BOILER SHOP (EX C.P.O.W.) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ON 14th OCTOBER (WATCH).



MALVERN WORKS HAVE AN ACCIDENT FREE YEAR AND WIN £50

In the Safety Competition which ended on 30th September, the Malvern works won the prize of £50. During the twelve months period, these works had a clean sheet in that there were no lost time accidents.

Three other groups each won £10 for having improved on their previous year's returns. These were: C.P.O.W. Smethwick, 83% improvement; Blown and Pressed, 42% improvement; Maintenance and Construction, 0.3% improvement.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 1960

This year twenty-six prints were submitted by eleven competitors. While it is gratifying to report an increase in the number of competitors, fewer prints were received and generally they were of a lower standard than in previous years.

As in previous years most of the prints were allocated to the General Section and the photograph by Mr. R. Moore was selected as the best in this class. This photograph is an example of

THOMAS KNOTT, ELECTRICIANS, FORTY-FIVE YEARS ON 23rd OCTOBER (WATCH).



Only one print was received for the Personal Section and it was thought to have sufficient merit to earn an award. This goes to Mr. Moore who received a prize for another photograph of the same subject a year ago. We recommend that if he persists the Editor should change the name of *Chance Comments* to *The Life and Times of Moore Junior!*

In previous competitions the judges have selected a fifth picture irrespective of classification, as the best of the competition. This year they felt unable to do so as the quality generally was not up to the standard of previous occasions and accordingly they have awarded the additional prize to Mr. Gowsars for his architectural photograph. R.E.B.

~~SECRET~~

1. (c) Bethlehem.
2. (c) 1851. But they didn't break with a bang
3. (b) So celebrated since A.D. 350. When the Church decreed that the Feast of the Nativity should be observed on that date.
4. (a) Mr. J. C. Horsley, R.A., designed a card of which copies were sold by a London publisher in 1846.
5. (a) Our pre-Christian ancestors used them to keep away evil spirits of the woods when nights were long.
6. (b) St. Nicholas, 4th-century bishop, who liked to do good by stealth.
7. (b) In the Middle Ages girls who had put aside their spinning to celebrate Christmas started it again on this day.
8. (b) The leaves represent the thorns, and the berries drops of blood.
9. (b) On the day after Christmas alms boxes in the church were opened and the money distributed among the poor. Later it became the day to present gifts to servants and tradesmen.
10. (b) Mutton, and the pies were shaped like a coffin.
11. c) 500 years ago the poorer classes ate it as an alternative to boar's head and roast

12. (a) When he cut down an oak beneath which a human sacrifice had been made on Christmas Eve a young fir appeared in its place. St. Boniface proposed it should be an emblem of the new faith.
13. (b) It was the sacred plant of the Druids who used to cut it with a golden knife and hand it to white-clad maidens to pass around.
14. (c) 16 pieces. They are made by hand faster than you can pull them.
15. (a) Old-time actors who go from house -to-house at Christmastide performing traditional plays in mime.
16. (b) Now usually sung in honour of the Nativity.

If under 8; Well! Let's hope you are having all the fun you should, and that you did hang up your stocking.

Ron Palmer and his wife are congratulated on the birth of a son and Vic Beresford and his wife on the birth of a daughter.

A belated but sincere welcome is extended to Pauline Jeanes who has joined the staff of the Accounts department.

On the debit side we have lost Eunice Horton and Emily Price and our best wishes are with them.

The Old Hall personnel miss Mr. H. Newey in his absence and wish him a speedy recovery.

Roy Sturman, one of the Pyrometry lads, is now back at work, hale and hearty after the removal of his appendix.

The Technical Development section welcomes Denis Monaghan who has joined the Company as a technical apprentice, and Process Development welcomes Arthur Nixon.

The section was very sorry to lose the services of Bob Beavon and we all wish him success in his new job.



"Shall I wrap it up, sir, or will you dribble it home?"

"I'm not in fancy dress either!"

"S. Claus, Esq. Dear Sir, Please find enclosed statement of requirements for morning of 25th inst . . ."

