

CONTAINER BASE DOUBLES CAPACITY

THE new transit shed at Manchester Container-base, which has increased floor space from 54,000 sq. ft. to 104,000 sq. ft. was officially opened in May by Mrs. John Reid, wife of the Chief Executive of the Containerbase Federation.

The new construction, which has some 20 loading bays and includes limited overhead accommodation, has taken some 18 months to complete.

ACT and Ben Line had co-operated to provide flags and bunting for the occasion, and "Contacts" suspects it was no accident that a flag representing the letter "G" (I require a pilot) was found hoisted on the regional manager's car when he came to leave!

[Now see Centre Pages

They're all Such Good
Sports at Manchester]



HOW TO MAKE THE RIGHT CONTACTS!

HAVE you ever wondered about the people behind the "Contacts" newsheet now keeping you regularly informed about what goes on in various parts of the ACTS "empire"?

We hope you all know your own local correspondent — who will be delighted to hear about anything you think should be included in a future issue.

We believe also that the majority of you know Mr. Peter Yarwood, who finds time in his busy life as General Manager of ACTS to act also as Editor of "Contacts".

But did you know that the newsheet is

actually printed at ACTS headquarters in Richmond House, Southampton — and by two charming ladies?

On the left, above, is Mrs. Jean Norup, seen operating the Addressograph Multigraph 1850 litho printing machine as an issue of "Contacts" goes to Press. She comes from Liverpool, is married with two children and is Senior Printing Operator at ACTS.

VITAL PART

On the right is Jenny MacTaggart, a Southampton girl, seen operating the original printing machine taken from London to Southampton when ACTS headquarters were transferred.

Both Jean and Jenny joined ACTS when the Southampton offices were opened and since then they have produced a vast number of printing requirements, from small compliment slips to 50,000 job folders.

Their expertise and cheerful devotion to their jobs are playing a vital part in what we hope is the success of "Contacts".



PAGE ONE OUTLOOK by wife and baby son of Graham Whitehead, Basildon Export Booking Clerk.

Singer Tom Jones got his golden disc — by container

POP SINGERS Tom Jones and Cat Stevens have reason to be grateful for containerisation. Both have recently had "golden disc" awards — sent by container.

Cat Stevens received his from Festival Records Pty Ltd., of Sydney, who used ACT because they had previously had discs damaged in transit. They were able to use better packing at no greater cost.

Tom Jones' "golden disc" was from the King Record Company Ltd. of Hong Kong. No doubt he was pleased to receive it in the "green green grass of home".

A BLC spokesman said: — "It is not unusual for us to receive such shipments for such super stars, though this does not break any records!" Oh, dear



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THAT'S WHY THE BASILDON BOYS LOOK SO PLEASED

THERE'S every reason why this bunch of boys should feel pleased with themselves! It's the Basildon/Tilbury football team, and the picture was taken after they'd beaten Birmingham by 13 goals to nil.

It's only fair to report that Birmingham seemed to hold no malice, and laid on a splendid repast - including sandwiches for the journey home.

The Basildon/Tilbury team is now prepared to take on all comers. Any offers?

Mrs. Jocelyn Rees has been re-elected Chairman of Basildon ACTS Sports and Social Club. Other re-elections were as follows:- Mrs. C. French (Treasurer); Mr. J. Glyde (Secretary); and Mr. I. Turner (Committee Member). New committee members are Mrs. L. Aston, Mrs. P. Stammers, Mr. D. Childs and Mr. A. Dawson.

Gwen starts her new life



down under

THE best wishes of all at Basildon ACTS go with Gwen Benson, who worked for five years in the Export Department and is now emigrating with her husband to begin a new life in Western Australia.

Before she left, Gwen was presented with a bracelet - a farewell gift from her colleagues. The picture on the left of Gwen and her husband was taken recently when they celebrated their Silver Wedding.

DANCING KRISTINE

MONICA HEALEY, of Head Office Finance Department, had a proud moment when daughter Kristine won her heat of the "Miss Dance of Great Britain" contest at Aldershot and Farnborough Festival.

Kristine will now compete in the final at Blackpool in July. She dances regularly during "Mediaeval Evenings" at one of Hampshire's great old houses, Beaulieu Abbey.

MEET THE T.T. TERRORS

They look happy and normal enough, don't they - Mike, Allen, Sid and Geoff, pictured below. But together they form what is described as Basildon's "notorious" table tennis team. They are on the look-out for new victims, and challenges from any ACTS region would be welcome. Ring Allen Dawson at Basildon (extension 221).

Mr. D.H. Williams has kindly donated a trophy for competition.



Despite a near-riot when the bar was closed before time, the combined Basildon/Tilbury Easter Disco, held at the Orsett Cock, was a memorable occasion. A good time would seem to have been had by all.

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When love strikes, it is in numbers! Or so it would seem by the flood of engagements announced over Easter in the Central Services Department. Those involved, all pictured on the left, are Vicki, Julie and Jill.

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Mrs. Kathy Whittle, secretary to Basildon Manager Mr. Wilson, has left to await the birth of her baby due as this issue of "Contacts" went to Press.

JIM THE CHEERFUL MAN WHO WAS FRIEND TO ALL

WE REGRET to report the death of Jim Knights - a great friend to all at Basildon, Orsett and Tilbury. Jim joined ACTS in July, 1970, working in the import department as progresser, entry clerk and, finally, in the Tilbury import section.

Jim, who had been in shipping all his life apart from war service in the Army (as a despatch rider, he had a very serious accident), will be remembered with great affection for his cheerfulness and, particularly in his early Orsett days, his willingness to "do the coffee round" morning and afternoon!

NEWCOMERS

IT DOESN'T matter whether mum or dad holds the baby - the look of pride is just the same.

Here are pictures of two recent additions to the Basildon ACTS "family" - on the left, Allan Blackholly, export clerk, with baby Martin; and, on the right, former export coding section girl, Karina Dennis, with baby daughter Zoe.



From Plants to Gonks - Scotland Tries Everything

THERE seems no end to the variety of outside interests enjoyed by members of our Scottish staff. Nail and thread pictures, oil painting on velvet, jewellery, enamelling, plasticrafts, soft toys, Gonks, resin chessmen, candle-making, knitting, dress-making and paper flowers - the list goes on and on.

There is another common interest throughout the office - indoor plant cultivation. The office itself abounds in geraniums (of all colours), African violets, spider plants, Mother of Thousands and many Coleu - all home grown.

THREE NEW FACES JOIN THE LEEDS TEAM

LEEDS ACTS has welcomed several newcomers since the last issue of "Contacts" went to Press

Peter Frayne, formerly a self-employed driving instructor, has joined the base as a clerk/courier. Married with a daughter of 14, he has many hobbies, including both cine and still photography, swimming, gardening, stamp collecting, model aircraft - and, believe it or not, First day covers.



Keyl



Grainger

Jim Cadbury has transferred from Southampton and is now in the Leeds transport department. He says his favourite hobby is drinking the good Yorkshire beer!



Smith



Cadbury

Like his colleagues at Leeds, "Contacts" is glad to welcome the third newcomer, Ken Smith. Not because we are sure he is an extremely efficient operator in the Leeds export section, but because he produced the cartoon we publish at the foot of Column One.

LIVERPOOL LUCK

Leeds duly met the football challenge of Liverpool, and travelled over the Pennines complete with supporters. Liverpool had obviously expected to meet their Waterloo, but Leeds had to disappoint them by taking only their second team.

Leeds began with Ian Oliver wearing see-through shorts and humbug underpants - obviously designed to woo the Liverpool lady supporters away from their own team!

Things were evenly matched until a 12th man was spotted by Leeds supporters, playing for the opposition. Cries of "Get him off" were obviously misheard

Leeds showed tremendous flair, but by some strange coincidence Liverpool managed to get the ball into the Leeds net on five separate occasions. Scorers - W. Neary 2, Ray Nixon 2, Derek Wilson.

MEL GOES TO SOTON

Three years with ACTS at Liverpool and Leeds - twenty-nine-year-old Geoffrey Melvyn Grainger has been promoted to Cargo Handling Officer at Southampton. He and his wife Diana have two children, Sandra (4) and Neil (21 months).

His job as Cargo Superintendent at Leeds, has been taken over by Ian Keyl from Birmingham.

CONGRATULATIONS

To punch operator Beverley Hampson, who recently announced her engagement to Alan Robinson and says The Great Day will be January 10 next year.

And to Wendy Mrosek, clerk/typist to the Credit Controller, and Brian Dove, Commercial Assistant (Exports), who have announced their engagement.

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Alan Wilson, who has been a telex operator at Leeds for two years, is leaving to take a course in electronics.

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It never rains but what it pours - at least for Fay McAndrews, of Leeds Coding Section. Recently she won £25 on her Premium Bonds - and in the same week made a big cash haul at Bingo.

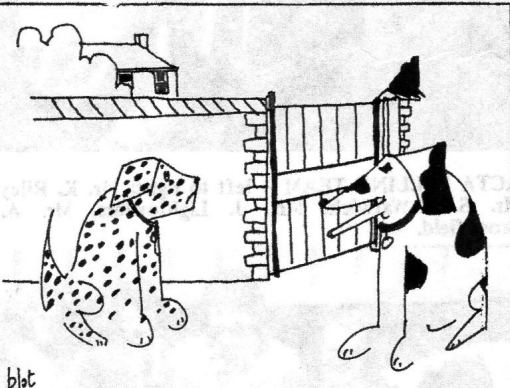
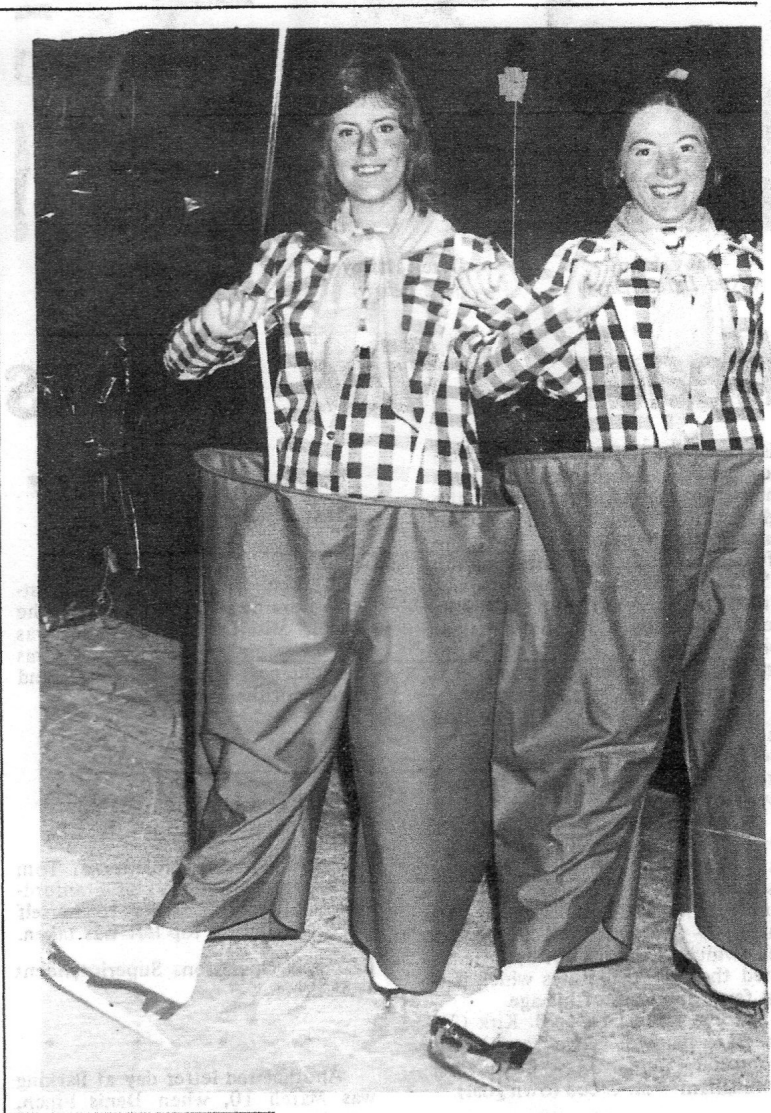
Meet Diddy Lorraine

IT'S AMAZING, isn't it, what people get up to in their spare time?

Who'd have thought, for instance, that lovely Lorraine Oldroyd, Central Services typist, at Richmond House, was just as good on skates as she is on a typewriter.

A talented ice-skater, she has taken parts in many shows, including "Showboat", "Around the World" and extracts from Walt Disney productions.

This picture, with Lorraine on the left, shows her as a Diddy Man in "Showboat", at Southampton Ice Rink.



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"My dear boy, without petrol, when will we ever be taken out?"

THERE WERE THESE TWO CONTAINER SHIPS

HOW ACTIVE is that brain of yours?

Two container ships leave Liverpool and Cape Town alternatively every 12 and 18 days respectively.

If they leave Liverpool together on a certain day, after how many days will they next leave (a) Liverpool, and (b) Capetown together.

Answers on a postcard to The Editor, c/o Mrs. Jan Chandler, Personnel Department, Richmond House, to reach her by August 19, 1975. There will be £2 for the first correct card taken from the postbag, and £1 each for the second and third.



Baby Jenny
(Red Letter Days)



Derek Harley
(see below)



Loraine Deakin
(Little Miss Docker)

Head Office Shows the Way

HEAD OFFICE showed the difference between the men and the boys when they entertained (if that's the right word) Birmingham's football team. With the score at 7-1, the referee, obviously a member of the R.S.P.C.A., called time to stop any extra suffering. Apart from the result, everybody enjoyed the day, a high point being the speech of Tom Jenkins. Despite being a "foreigner", he was understood by the majority.

Head Office thanks all the girls who helped prepare the buffet; the linesmen; the referee; and the Birmingham team and staff for not crying too much.

A special mention for Mr. D. Harley, whose shooting prowess is fast becoming a legend (at the Institute for the Blind), and we nominate Mike Creed "Man of the Match" - not because he played well (which he didn't) but because he lasted the full 90 minutes which is a real feat for a man of his age.

Scorers: Head Office - B. Kirk (3) and L. Baldwin (two each), P. Thompson and M. Colverson, Birmingham - M. Creed (own goal).

LITTLE MISS DOCKER

As staff in the 7th floor Personnel Department at Richmond House gazed down on the Q.E.2 embarking on yet another cruise, a quiet voice was heard to say: - "I remember when I was on board that ship".

It then transpired that typist-clerk Loraine Deakin had won the title of "Miss Docker" when she was only 14 - and part of her prize was a conducted tour of the Q.E.2. and lunch with the captain.

RED LETTER DAYS

Baby Jennifer, daughter of Tom and Margaret Conway, of Stanfords-Hope, had the stage to herself when the picture top left was taken.

Father is Operations Superintendent at Barking.

Another red letter day at Barking was March 10, when Denis Finch, youngest member of the Transport Department, passed his driving test at the first attempt.

There is no truth in the evil suggestion that all motorists on the Barking staff walked to work that day in case they met Denis the Menace on the road!

SOTON TERMINAL EXTENSION

DOCKS BOARD contractors have started to position their equipment at Southampton Terminal for the extension to the container berths. They will be constructing Berth No. 206 and a paved back-up area ready for the S. African trade.

The Terminal was glad to welcome Ellerman Line representatives, the South African Mail and John T. Rennie and Sons Pty Ltd. Mr. R.A. Lloyd, Chairman of ACTS, visited the terminal and spoke informally to staff.

Another Soton record: During a recent discharging call by the Hamburg Express, SCS achieved 79 container exchanges per hour throughout the discharging.

SEAFORTH TERMINAL

It is with regret that Seaforth and the 'INTERNATIONAL' have had to say goodbye to Bob (Horatio) Nelson. He has moved to the M.D. and H. Co. (Marine Division), where no doubt the floating cranes will never be the same again. Everybody at Seaforth wishes Bob every success.

Peter May (Reefer Tech.) has reached the ripe old age of 49, and is now only 16 years from his set of bowls and a cottage in the country.

We are glad to report that Roger and Alan have now completely recovered from a recent trip to Southampton, and hope the same can be said for a Mr. Baldwin, from whom nothing has been heard for some time!

THEY'RE REAL

TEAMWORK is the key to the efficient operation of the ACT group at Manchester Container Base. Since staff first moved into the base in 1968, it has grown continuously and traffic has trebled in six years.

The teamwork theme starts with Regional Manager E. "Wally" Walshaw, a Yorkshireman who "gets along famously" with his Lancashire team. Henry Tyrer and Co. (Ben Line's representatives), ACTA and ACTS work together like well-oiled cogs in a machine.

"Wally" Walshaw joined ACT when it was formed and was Cargo Handling Manager at Head Office. Before that he was Port Line's Cargo Superintendent on the Continent.

And the teamwork carries over into sports. Manchester fields outstanding cricket and football teams, and the ladies, not to be outdone, a red-hot netball team.

Sheila Morley (Accounts) plays forward for the Kellogg football team: Carol Barlow (Commercial) is a member of the Canadian-American Car Club; and Telex operator Maureen Greenhof is an ardent football fan - as well she might be with hubby Brian playing for Manchester United.

DOUBLE PAN PLAYER

Duncan Walton plays second row forward for Swindon Rugby League team, and Selwyn Warner (Transport) not only plays cricket in the Lancashire and Cheshire League, but also plays double pan with the rhythm section of a steel band!

In the Commercial Section, Howard Coulter goes scuba diving, looking for wrecks, with Sale Sub Aqua Club; John Cootes is a brown and white belt (comes just before black belt) karate enthusiast, and is also the ASTMS representative; and Andrew Jones is a motor sports buff, a member of Bolton Car Club, and takes part in rallies and production car trials.



THE BIG LINE-UP - of Tyrers, at Manchester.

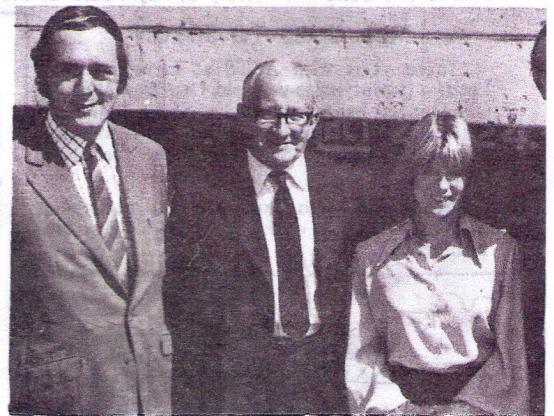
Keith Tyler (Far East centre half for West Wyther)

Yes, they're all good chesher - and much more (Cargo), for instance, is a se in oils; and Bill Williams, Superintendent) was former Urban District Council an active interest in local cricket, too, for ACT.

ANY OFFER

Anybody dare to take or cricket, football, table tennis or any other sport?

The challenge is put for Anybody interested should at 061.748.4077.



ACTA SELLING TEAM - left to right: Mr. K. Riley (A Mr. S.W. Warwick, Mrs. J. Lightowlers, Mr. A.S.F. Brookfield.



L SUCH GOOD SPORTS AT MANCHESTER



CTS, ACTA and Henry

Section) plays
Law College.
Sports at Man-
Charles Hunt
taught painter
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BRIEFING SESSION for top management by Regional Manager "Wally" Walshaw, at end of table. Left to right: Mrs. E. Cawley (Accounts), Mr. D. Georgeson (Transport), Mr. H.G. Coulter (Cargo), Mr. Walshaw, Mr. M. McGuire (Credit Control), and Mr. R. Hames (Commercial).



stant Sales Manager),
Davies and Mr. D.

Below:
The
Henry Tyler
team.



ACTS Commercial team, handling freighting, bookings and imports. Left to right: Mr. R. Aspinall (deputy senior commercial assistant), Mr. K. Tyler, Miss L. Mrozek, Mrs. E. Jenkinson, Mr. A. Jones, Miss J. Coen, Mr. D. Kirk, Mr. J. Cootes, Miss Y. Hosie, Mr. N. Leech and Mrs. C. Barlow.



GUIDED MISSILE MAN JOINS SOTON TEAM

THIRTY-EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Lieutenant Commander Ian Frederick Massie, after 21 years in the Royal Navy, has joined ACTS in Southampton as Assistant Operations Manager for Container Control. For some time while in the Navy, he was second-in-command of a guided missile destroyer.

Ian, wife Marilyn and their sons David and Andrew live at Fareham, Hants. He is tournament secretary of Portsdown Archery Club.

Janet Witt, an EDP clerk at Head Office, was married during May to Barry Fizz, a commercial mechanic with Freightliners Ltd. The wedding was at Southampton Registry Office.

WELCOME

WELCOME to Ann Patricia Webber, aged 23, an assistant credit controller at Head Office since June 2 (her outside interests include squash, tennis and reading) . . . to David Crawford, aged 32, a senior systems analyst at Southampton since June 2 (sailing, music, squash and chess) . . . and 18-year-old Kim Ashley, typist/clerk in the Operations Department (dancing and riding).

And a welcome also for Mrs. Dawn Moore Dalziel-Jones, who joined ACTS at Richmond House in March - as Central Services Supervisor.

Dawn has three children - Michelle Jane (16), Christine Kim (14) and Peter Jeremy (8½) - and a pretty impressive list of interests including reading, music, crochet work, knitting, swimming, walking and Yoga.



Dawn



Massie



Webber



Ashley



Crawford

Five more newcomers to Richmond House

NEWCOMERS to the ACTS team at Southampton include:-

Eighteen-year-old Kim Ockenden, of Bitterne, who joined as a clerk/typist from Hamilton Leasing and whose hobbies are swimming, dancing and reading.

Stephanie Chandler, of New Milton, a statistics and records clerk whose previous job was as an assistant personnel officer with Poole Borough Council. Stephanie, married, lists badminton among her sporting interests.

Twenty-seven-year-old Alan Wilson has joined as a traffic clerk. He and his wife Jacqueline are living at Sholing, and Alan gives football, travel and photography as his outside interests.

Twenty-four-year-old Paul Tumilty joined the company six months ago as cargo handling assistant. He and his wife Joanna live at Christchurch, and Paul himself is a member of Christchurch Leo Club, a charity organisation. He plays golf - but not for charity!

The deputy operations manager at Southampton has a new secretary - Miss Margaret Walton - who joined the company from Southern Gas.

SNAP

JUST before the Head Office dance, attended by 350 staff and guests, flatmates Sue Cresswell and Ericka Camiot discovered they had bought identical dresses.

They overcame the predicament by making a grand entrance **TOGETHER**.



Head office girls pip rivals!

IN THEIR first season in the Winter League, ACTS Head Office netball team finished eighth - two places above their OCL rivals. Good luck to the girls in the Summer League.

Unfortunately, Yvonne Still, Sue Allen and Jenny Mockridge were away when the above picture was taken, but included (left to right) are:- Maggie Safe, Jenny Glasspool, Chris Houghton, Julie Wilson, Ericka Camiot and Chris Farmer.

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A SAILING MAN

After five years with ACTS - he was once third officer with ACT 2 and later had shore jobs in Wellington and Auckland - Peter Onslow-Free has joined Richmond House as Operations Assistant (Terminals and Marine). Squash and sailing are his sporting interests and he and wife Amanda have two children, Penny and baby Anna Claire, born three months ago.

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Mr. H.M. Townsend, until recently Continental Supervisor at Richmond House, has been promoted to European Transport Co-ordinator. He, wife Diana and children Timothy (9) and Christopher (7) live at Lymington, where he takes a keen interest in community affairs.

Sports Night

Nearly 60 competitors took part in a highly successful Head Office Sports Night organised by the Misses E. Camiot and S. Cresswell and Messrs. T. Jenkins and J. Caplan.



Chris

The basketball event was won by the Harley Globe Trotters (alias 10th Floor), and the five-a-side football event by Jocks Jinkers (also 10th Floor), a missed penalty costing the Women's Lib. Letches the match. Table tennis winner was Keith Summerfield, husband of Chris (Finance Department). Keith ranks as Hampshire No. 1, and Chris as Southampton No. 3.



Margaret is second lady, in Scotland!

SECOND LADY in Scotland – that was the medal won by Margaret MacPherson, secretary to the Regional Manager at Coatbridge, when she competed as an archer in the Scottish Indoor Championships at Inverclyde.

Archery is a fast-growing sport in Scotland, and Margaret's enthusiasm is already extending to her ACTS colleagues. Tom McKenzie has already bought his own equipment and joined a local archery club, and Margaret's husband David is now arranging an "archery evening" for the Coatbridge ACTS Sports and Social Club.



He is a Lecturer in Physical Education and organiser of Monklands Archery Club.

WEDDING BELLS

There must be something in the Scottish air that is now making ACTS and Ben Line staff contemplate marriage.

Those engaged and thinking about matrimony include Margaret McGlynn, ACTS accounts typist; Alfie Gordon, ACTS commercial assistant; Alec McLaren, ACTS transport assistant; and John Johnstone, Ben Line commercial assistant.

Those "taking the plunge" are:– Liz Watson, Ben Line receptionist; May Martin, Ben Line secretary; and Tom Linden, ACTS transport assistant.

One stage further is Mrs. Linda Mills, wife of ACTS import section leader Ian Mills, who gave birth to a son, Stuart John, in March. Stuart weighed in at 9lb. 4oz.

IN SEARCH OF . . . ?

In the November issue of "Contacts" last year, an article by the commercial department's Kenny Ripley appeared under the headline "In Search of the Topless Belles".

We must now report that Kenny has left the company to embark on an adventurous six-months' globe-trotting, starting with a holiday in the South of France (those topless belles MUST have made an impression!) followed by a trip to the Canary Islands, where he will look for work.

IN AND OUT

Welcome to Irene Baxter, who joined ACTS as a junior clerk, during April this year; and Farewell to Mrs. Cathie Gray, data punch

BOB TAKES COMMAND WHEN BOYS ARE ON PARADE

BOOKINGS CONTROLLER Robert Blackwood controls more than bookings once he gets away from the office. Then (above) he takes command, as Captain, of the 21st (Glasgow) company of the Boys Brigade which, over a period of three years, he has built up from 24 boys and two officers to 52 boys, 7 officers and five staff sergeants.

Football, table tennis, swimming, physical training, badgework, drill and Bible Class are all on the Brigade agenda, and six months ago the 21st company launched a pipe band which has already played most successfully at the annual display and inspection.

Effectiveness of the training given is shown by the fact that the boys' football team has already won two Cups, and in one year since formation the team were League champions.

***DISTAFF SIDE:** Twenty-two-year-old Leslie MacMillan, also in the booking section, is herself involved in the Boys' Brigade, and has trained a company of 30 boys and four officers. The football team – trained personally by Leslie – won a District Cup last year.*

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operator, who left ACTS after six years to train as a beauty consultant before emigrating to the U.S.

Eight teams competed for four hours when ACTS and Ben Line staff and friends had an enjoyable evening's bowling at the Coatbridge indoor bowling centre. Final winners were the team of Mr. Tom McKenzie (Equipment Inspector), Mrs. Annette Angus (credit controller), and Mr. David Macpherson, husband of the regional manager's secretary.



Liz Watson
(See: 'Wedding Bells')

Ten ACTS staff and five representatives of Prentice, Service and Henderson Ltd. went to Greenock Terminal to visit the A.C.L. vessel Atlantic Causeway.

ACL staff gave them a conducted tour of the vessel, and the visit was such a success that others are planned.

The talk from Tilbury

TILBURY Terminal Sports and Social Club is really getting itself organised now. After visiting Birmingham, where they achieved a 13-0 victory, the football team met meat importers G. Lonsdale and Company at home, and lost 10-1! Any regions wanting to arrange either cricket or football fixtures with the Terminal should contact Glyn Whittaker, at Tilbury.

Two members of the team, Pete Meredith and Norman Hornigold, have also been playing for other local teams – and between them have collected quite a show of medals and trophies.



Angler Peter – and proof!

attempt, much to the relief of Tony Williamson, the Terminal's Manager.

Fishermen at the Terminal include ship-planner clerk Peter Wilson, who landed a 15lb. cod the other day – and sends us the picture to prove it!

THOSE DAYS OF SUNSHINE and BOMBS

By Elle Prodromou

(Head Office administration department)

AS I SIT at my telex machine sending a message to Australia, memories come flooding back of the hot weather I once enjoyed in my homeland.

The smell of the Mediterranean Sea while I worked in a hotel on the golden sands of Famagusta Beach. Meeting the many holidaymakers of all nationalities. Enjoying water skiing, swimming, speedboat racing in the warm Mediterranean waters. And the occasional days when I would travel to the mountains of Troodos, cherishing the exciting view of scattered villages below. Everything was so perfect.

For three years until July last year, I enjoyed this restful Cyprus scene. Then, one morning, I was awakened by the sound of bombs falling all around me. My only choice was to flee from Famagusta and make my way to the British camp in Dhekelia.

In the camp, soldiers told us that thousands of Greek-Cypriot refugees were making their way from the bomb-torn villages and towns of the North. So many that we had to sleep in the open fields.

OVERLADEN SHIPS

So many were trying to leave Cyprus, it was more than a week before we could embark for Athens. The ship was grossly overladen and people slept on the decks and in any space available.

My parents refused to leave home and were taken as prisoners of war. When they were finally released, after three months in a camp, with insufficient food and water, and with little or no sanitation, they were under the security of the British Army at Dhekelia. Forty days after their release, I heard my father was dead.

A buzzer from a machine near me brings me back to my senses. It makes me very grateful to think of the help and kindness I have had here in England, especially from the other girls in the telex room, our personnel people – and my manager, whose kindness and understanding have greatly helped me through this unhappy period of my life.

Barking is now smoking in a very good cause!

NOTICES pointing to the fact that every empty cigarette packet, whatever the brand, is worth 2p towards a kidney machine, have been appearing everywhere recently at the Barking Containerbase.

Staff and drivers have collected as many packets as possible to send to a local shop promising twopence for every packet produced. Since each machine costs £17,000, Barking's



Meet My Baby Brother

... that's what three-and-a-half-year-old Deborah Hiron seems to be saying as she holds her new baby brother Christopher Thomas. Father Peter is a section leader in the bookings department at Liverpool.

Another April baby at Liverpool – for Elizabeth and Eric Best, a 6lb. 14oz. girl, Joanne. Eric is a commercial assistant.

DAVID PROMOTED TO BIRMINGHAM

DAVID PARSONS, who, in his four-and-a-half years with ACTS, has held senior cargo handling jobs at Manchester and Southampton, has been promoted to Deputy Regional Manager at the company's Birmingham base.

Away from business, David is a keen sportsman. Golf, squash and horseriding make varying claims upon his spare time.



Sue just HAD to have a White Wedding

BIRMINGHAM telex operator Sue Annis (now Sue Wiseley, and pictured above) had decided against a white wedding. The weathermen, however, had different ideas – and on The Great Day, Birmingham (and Sue) were covered in thick snow.

WORTH WAITING FOR

BIRMINGHAM ACTS buffet dance – postponed last year because of the bombings – proved to be worth waiting for. Among those who enjoyed themselves to the full were the couples pictured below – Steve Callaway (cargo superintendent) and wife Sue, and Daphne



Hancock and Kathy Millward from the Commercial Department.

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Sandra Wells, from London, has joined as a management secretary following marriage to a "Brummie".

John gets his promotion – and a baby

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. J.F. Hodgson, formerly assistant cargo superintendent at Manchester, on his promotion to Cargo Superintendent at Birmingham.

And congratulations to John's wife, Sue, on presenting him with a first child, David – born at 06.45 on Good Friday. The family is described as "fully recovered from the ordeal

and enjoying sleepless nights".

Another newcomer to the Manchester ACTS "family" – a baby boy born during May to Valerie Leech, wife of Nigel, who works in the booking section.

smokers can at least claim they are smoking for a good cause!

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Members of Barking ACTS staff who missed last year's visit to Southampton Terminal remedied the omission in May when the Benavon was in port.

Greatly impressed by the enormous size of the vessel, the visitors spent some time inspecting the mass of computerized instruments on the bridge and learned that much of the ocean-going navigation is now done automatically by the setting of the right buttons. The old "wheel" still exists, but is rarely, if ever, used.