DEPARTMENTS

Hearty congratulations to Ron Howie, Milton Jones and Barry Fitzpatrick on their appointment as Cadet Foremen. With their feet on the bottom rung, the rest is now up to themselves.

MAIN OFFICE

Hearty congratulations to George and Gwyn Hamilton on the arrival of Jennifer Eileen, born on the 11th February. Gwyn will be remembered as a very popular member of our female staff.

Best wishes to all three of you.

ENGINEERS

The betting around the Eng. Dept. is very keen on the "Stork Derby." The runners, and likely order in which they will complete the race are George Portus, Arthur Armstrong, Darrel Garfoot and Lance Weir. Any prams, strollers, or cosybyes not in use will be thankfully received. Looks like the Picnic and Xmas Tree will be always well patronised; a good start for this year.

Further to the "Derby," it is apparently going as anticipated, we have just received a flash that on 12th February Arthur Armstrong's wife presented him with another son. Congratulations to you and your wife, Arthur, and may the little one be always "arm-strong."

ACID PLANT

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Mick Walter, of Argenton, on another addition to the family. Mick is an attendant on the Acid plants and is very proud of his new son.

Also celebrating the birth of a son, Ian, are Mr. & Mrs. Alan Nelmes, of Speers Point. Alan is a member of our Riggers Gang and was made a proud and happy father on 31st January. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

A very pleasant little function took place on 29th January, when oppor-

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tunity was taken to say farewell to Jim Briggs, Foreman Leadburner, on the eve of his retirement. Many eulogistic remarks were passed by Mr. W. H. V. Nettle, Mr. R. Filmer, Tom Burgin and "Jumma" Briggs. Jack Williams on behalf of the entire Acid Plant staff and workmen presented Jim with a suitably inscribed wristlet watch. Jim very ably and a little sentimentally responded. We all sincerely hope he will have many years of happy retirement.

CADET FOREMEN

We refer to the recent announcement and notice for applicants for Cadet Foremen which was displayed on the Works notice boards.

From the large number who applied, six candidates were selected. They are, Messrs. M. J. Jones, B. L. Fitzpatrick, and R. K. Howie, of the Cement Plant; Mr. K. C. Sainsbury, of Acid Plant; Mr. F. T. Prowse, of the Roasters, and Mr. D. Crawford, of Electrical Engineers.

To them we extend our hearty congratulations and best wishes in their new sphere of activities. They have been appointed to the temporary staff and commenced their duties as cadet foremen on Monday, 2nd March.

FERTILIZER DEPARTMENT

We have all heard stories of trick cyclists and trained animals. Well, one of our number endeavoured to emulate one of these stunts while descending Wallsend hill and allowed a dog to pass between the two wheels of his bike. Apparently, however, they had not had sufficient training, because the cyclist landed in Wallsend Hospital. It was very opportune that Officer A. Connor was right behind in a Lake Macquarie Ambulance and was able to render immediate attention to Noel Barrie, who was very fortunate despite contusions and abrasions to lose only one day's work. Our sympathy to you, Noel.