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DONALD RAYDON CONNELLY

Born at Boolaroo in 1932, Don attended Boolaroo Public School and later, Newcastle Junior Tech. where he gained his Intermediate Certificate.

Don began his apprenticeship to fitting and machining here at Sulphide in 1947. During the period of his trades-course Don attended Newcastle Technical College where he was also successful in gaining Instrument and Toolroom certificates. Transferred to the Drawing Office on completion of his indentures, Don was later appointed to the Staff and is still to be found in that department.

A well known local sporting identity, Don has maintained a lifelong interest in soccer football and last season captained Lake Macquarie State League team. At cricket he is a member of West Lakes Club and has played with the First XI on many occasions. In the sphere of Works sporting activities, Don is a driving force in the affairs of Sulphide Badminton Club — but is probably better known for the footrunning ability he has shown at Works Picnics. He has won the Sulphide Championship on no less than five occasions - gaining the hat-trick this vear with his third straight win.

Married last year a local Boolaroo girl, Valerie Smith, they now live at Speer's Point with three months old daughter, Jennifer Anne. Although at present trying to get the lawns and garden going, Don still manages to find time for a spot of fishing now and

again.

JOSEPH HENDERSON

Joe was born in the Newcastle suburb of North Lambton in 1900 and lived there for 27 years. He attended North Lambton Public School. After working for some time with the well known Wallsend firm of undertakers, R. M. Evans and Sons, Joe, in 1923 decided on a change and obtained employment at Sulphide.

He commenced here in the Acid Plant and except for an eight months lay-off during the 1930/31 depression years, has been with that department ever since. During his length of service Joe has gained a thorough knowledge of the various acid making processes carried out here, having had operating experience on all four chamber plants, the old Grillo's (before their demolishment to make way for "C" Plant) and the Chemico Units.

In 1927 Joe married Ella Lane of Wallsend, at Wallsend Methodist Church. They have two children, both girls. The eldest daughter, Elaine, aged 25 is married with three children and Ailsa, the youngest is 18.

Always a staunch supporter and worker for Boolaroo Methodist Church, Joe has been Sunday School Superintendent for the last 17 years.

In addition to his two other main pastimes, gardening and motoring, Joe has recently added a television set in his home and this no doubt, will provide many hours of entertainment for the family.



Come Christmas and the bells we'll hear Ring out their Message of Good Cheer