

LONG SERVICE AWARD DINNER 1970

The 1970 Dinner, on Friday, 11th September, was one of the biggest functions of its kind for several years. Guests of honour and the wives of those married were hosted by members of staff with whom they are closely associated and by members of the executive of the Sulphide Employees' Union.

We were very pleased to welcome the Managing Director, Mr. J. H. Standish and Mrs. Standish, especially as Mr. Standish was unable to attend in 1969 because of his U.K. appointment with Imperial Smelting Corporation. During the evening Mr. Standish responded to the toast to the Company, capably proposed this year by Mr. John Grew, President of the S.E.U.

Only three such Long Service Award functions have surpassed 1970's for number of recipients — nine this year (although Jim Mason was unable to attend the Dinner); the earlier years were 1959 (26 recipients), 1960 (13 recipients) and 1967 (ten).

Some interesting long service statistics were noted by Mr. John Greenwell, who proposed the toast to the recipients. Since long service awards were introduced in 1959 John found that:

- only three people have received awards for forty years' continuous service,
 - twelve have now received 35 year awards . . . and
 - a total of eighty-one employees have been presented with 25 year awards.
- This year our guests of honour were:

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE

Denbigh (Danny) Williams: Danny first started on the Cockle Creek site in 1923 (his father was a foreman in the old Lead Smelter). Danny is perhaps best known by older hands for his years of service in the Barrier Roasters. Nowadays we find him in the Maintenance Department as a Bricklayers' Assistant. Well known in cricket and Rugby Union circles in his youth Danny had the distinction of representing Newcastle on a number of occasions as a hooker.

George Skelton: George's name is synonymous with the Cement Plant, particularly in the bagging and despatch area where he was a member of the "old firm" — Ranger, Willoughby, Linsley, Skelton and Co. Now George looks after the cleanliness of the Mach-

ine Shop. A fisherman from way back he is noted for his exploits in this field.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR AWARDS

Keith Collinson: Foreman Carpenter since 1950 Keith has a vast experience of Sulphide construction, maintenance and many other activities through two decades. On this occasion he responded to the toast of the recipients in fine style; we look forward to further speeches in this vein, Keith.

Jim Mason: Another famous ex-Roasterman Jim has now been with the Maintenance Dept. as a Tradesman's Assistant since 1961. Jim has been a spare-time farmer on a small property at Teralba. Nowadays, touring in the Mazda is a favourite occupation. Jim was not present at the dinner.

Darrell Garfoot: Long experience in Sulphide engineering saw Darrell appointed Mechanical Foreman for C.R.A. New Process Research in 1967. Darrell's outside interests are many and varied — gardening, aquariums, vintage cars, collecting and polishing gemstones, with a spot of golf for relaxation. Formerly he was a Sulphide Welfare Cricket Club member of considerable note.

Tom Frost: Tom's experience with Sulphide and, later, Greenleaf, in fertilizers dates back to an original start in 1938. For many years Tom served as Leading Millman and Chargehand in all sections of fertilizer despatch. Those who worked with him in those days will always remember his remarkably neat, clerical style and precision with figures. Tom should have been an accountant! Nowadays, a boilermaker's assistant, Tom is another of the keen fishermen for which this area is well known.

Angus Orchard: Photographer, layout artist and production man for the "News" Gus has been associated with our house magazine since issue No. 1, way back in 1951. More in demand than ever for Works Photography these days Gus has been particularly busy during the recent shut-down period. When the pressure is off a bit he is involved in other productions which require his artistic talents — pamphlets, flow diagrams, training charts, etc. In his younger days Gus was very active in Rugby League, Cycling, Model Aeroplanes, even a bit of Boxing. Nowadays he concentrates on photography and caravanning.

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