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£100 holiday for two . . .

Girls are you—

MISS BRITISH LEYLAND 1971

IN 1970 the Bus and Truck Division organised a competition to select a Miss British Leyland. This was so popular that it has been decided to extend the 1971 contest to cover all female employees of the Corporation working in the United Kingdom.

Along with the other specified Divisions and Companies, Rover, Alvis and SCG, will it is hoped, collectively nominate one finalist to go forward to the Grand Final to be held at Cowley in Oxfordshire in June. So come on girls we need your support . . .

The winning finalist will

receive a major prize. Last year's winner won a £100 holiday for two, whilst the other finalists received consolation prizes.

The rules for the proposed competition are as follows:

1. Finalists will be judged on three criteria, (a)

Appearance—Looks and dress sense, (b) Personality, (c) Deportment.

2. Finalists must wear normal fashions—bathing suits, etc. are not permitted.
3. Parents' consent for contestants under 18 years of age must be obtained.

4. Cost of travel to final, accommodation if necessary and expenses for contestant and chaperone to be borne by employee's company.
5. Miss British Leyland will reign until the next competition and will be expected to carry out and attend functions as required.
6. The Judges' decision will be final.

Further news of the contest and of the venues for the Regional heats (which should be complete by May 1) will be given in a future edition.

So do not forget it is proposed to hold the final at Cowley, Oxfordshire, in June.

Will YOU be there?

The Editor
Wishes
all Readers
A Happy
and
Prosperous
New Year

ALVIS RETIRED EMPLOYEES CHRISTMAS DINNER

THE Alvis Retired Employees Association held their 7th Annual Christmas Dinner in the Alvis canteen on Thursday, December 3, 1970 under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Thompson.

Main guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Parkes, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Howell, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Skidmore.

In all 264 members partook of a full Christmas dinner with music provided by one of their own members, Mr. J. Smith.

Proposing the toast to the Association Mr. J. J. Parkes congratulated the members on the success of the events over the past year, and paid a tribute to the loyal service given by them.

As is the custom at this dinner, the top table then rose and toasted the retired members.

Mr. R. Thompson in his reply thanked all concerned, especially Mr. Hall, Canteen Manager, and all his staff for the very excellent dinner. He finally thanked

the Company for their help over the years.

The response was seconded by Mr. T. O. Underwood, a retired member, who pointed out that this was the greatest gathering of 'do-it-yourself' individuals held on the premises for many years.

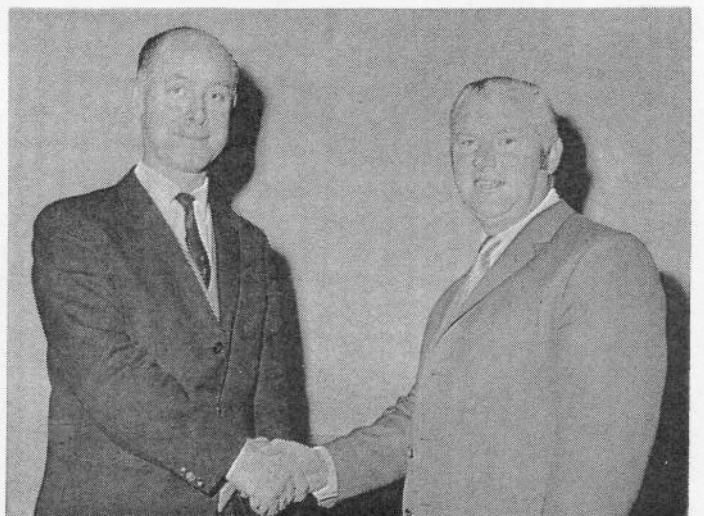
All the retired members had found great happiness in their hobbies and he thanked the Association for making it possible for them to meet once a month and renew the friendships that had grown up during the years of service with the Company.

RANGE ROVER SCORES AGAIN

AN international panel of 44 motoring specialists judging a Car of the Year award organised by *Auto Visie* a large European motoring magazine placed Range Rover in equal fourth position.

Range Rover was the highest placed British car, the others coming sixth and seventh respectively.

NOW IN NEW ZEALAND



Mr. S. R. JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson left his present position as Chief Instructor of the Service School at the end of October, to take up an appointment with British Leyland in New Zealand.

He joined the Service Department of the Rover Company in April, 1944, and after two years' service with the Forces, came back to the Technical Service Department in March 1952, as a member of the Service School. From that time on he undertook several tours of instruction on behalf of the Company, mainly in the Middle East.

He is seen (right) being wished 'Bon Voyage' by Mr. A. V. Head, General Manager, Service.



Bus and Truck Division organised the 1970 Miss British Leyland Competition. The winner, Linda Christine Wright of Maudsley Motors, shown above, won a £100 holiday for two. Will a Rover or Alvis girl take over the Miss British Leyland title for 1971?



VERSATILITY ANOTHER WORD FOR ROVER

CALOR GAS LTD. of Slough, Bucks, have just completed a film all about the Anhydrous Ammonia Applicators used by Calor Farm Services.

The applicators inject anhydrous ammonia near the plant root zone. Thus providing the most ideally positioned source of nitrogen.

The photograph (top left) taken on location shows that our Range Rover got in on the act.

To quote a Calor Gas PR man, "Range Rover not only played a valuable part in the film, but proved to be an exceptionally ideal camera car."

We are not surprised. The versatility of our newest vehicle is well known. This latest escapade helps to prove it...

In the centre picture the Range Rover accompanied by the Times caravan broke every record set in a recent Caravan Rally—winning the Yorkshire Cup.

Times Caravans of Loughborough thought very highly of this combination. "Range Rover is a natural for caravans", they say.

Finally the bottom photograph shows an unusual type of Land-Rover. Just put into AA Service it can wind a 'sick' vehicle up onto its own back and drive to the nearest repair depot.



CHRISTMAS TOY BONANZA FOR LOCAL CHILDREN



THE children at St. Christopher's Home in Solihull received a bonus in toys this Christmas. Their 'fairy godmothers' were the ladies of P6 Trim, who each donated a toy to a collection.

The organisers Val Panton (right) and Tess Sneed (left) were amazed at the response.

Val told *Rover and Alvis News* "It has taken only one month to collect all these toys." Tess went on to say, "Everyone has been absolutely marvellous."

The P6 Trim Ladies have made similar donations in the past. But this is the first time that the St. Christopher Home has been chosen.

NEW WAXING PLANT AT SOLIHULL

A COMPLETELY new installation for the automatic application of a wax protective coating to the paint and brightwork of cars, has been installed by the Rover Company Limited Solihull.

The new plant takes the form of special booths on the final finish line of the Rover 2000 and 3500 models. As the car passes into the booth it breaks a photoelectric beam which switches on the wax spray guns. A special wax protective coating, one thousandth of an inch thick is thus applied to appropriate areas on the vehicle.

This coating protects the finish of the Rover cars from the time they leave the assembly line to the time they arrive in the dealer's showroom.

In two weeks

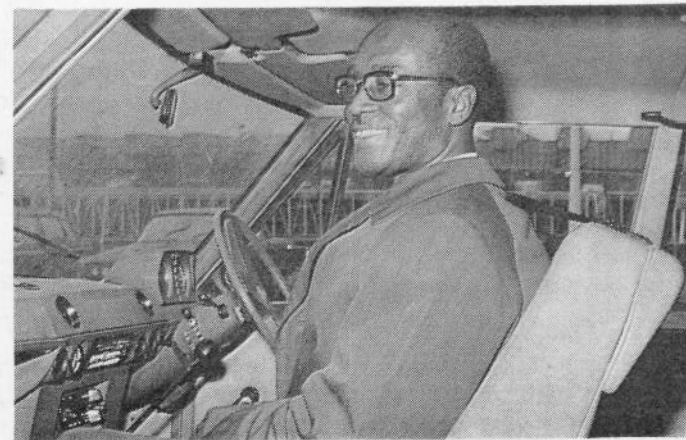
The installation of the new plant was carried out by Binks-Bullows Limited of Brownhills, Staffs, and was completed in only two weeks.

Two further plants for the protection of the undersides of the Rover 2000 and 3500 models are currently being installed at Solihull.

two important visitors



(Above) Mr. J. K. S. Carpenter, Rover Sales Director, discusses the Range Rover with Sir Francis Kitts, Lord Mayor of Wellington, New Zealand, on the occasion of his visit to the Rover Company, Solihull last month. (Below) Mr. F. M. Akuffo, Head of Transport in the Mechanisation Dept., of the Ghana Ministry of Agriculture, tries the Range Rover out for himself.

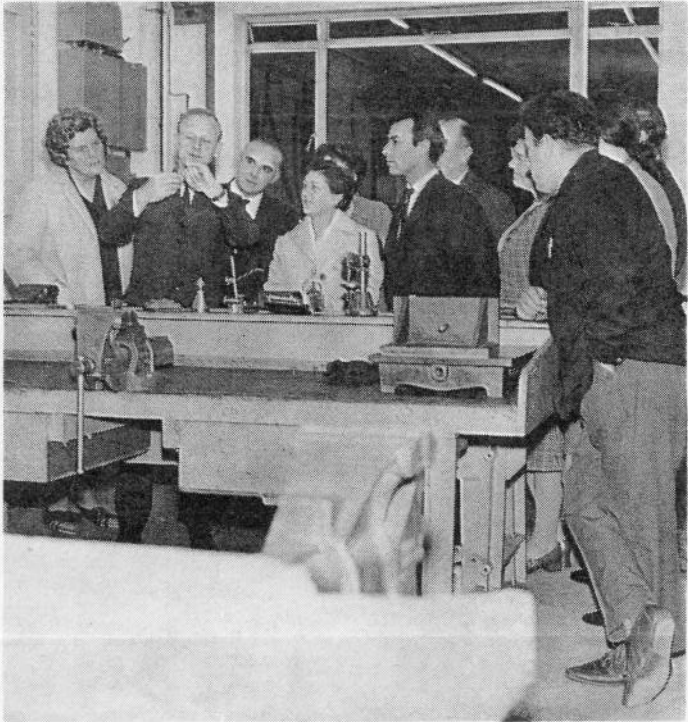


They came to try—



The local weekly paper, *The Solihull News*, recently sent its reporting and photographic staff on an assignment to the Rover Company. They came to see the facilities and to try out the cars. The above photograph shows one of the Rover demonstration drivers Pat Howarth-Booth; putting a 3500 through its paces. The news staff were soon 'convinced' that a Rover is a real road hugger—a safety first vehicle.

PARENTS PAY A VISIT TO THE ALVIS TRAINING SCHOOL



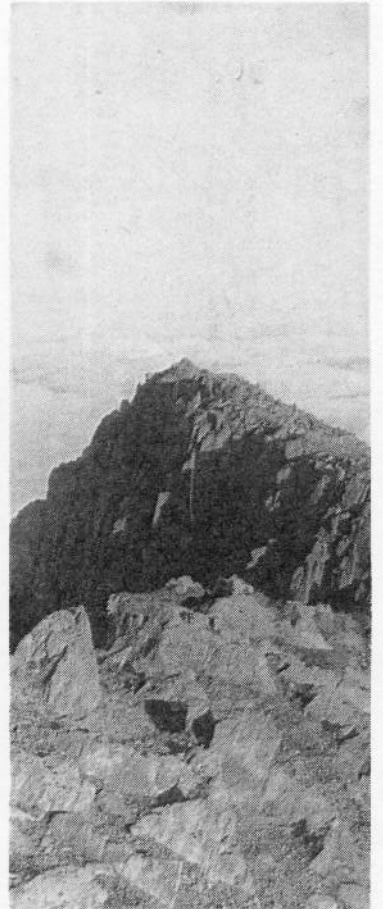
The parents of Alvis Apprentices listen attentively to one of the Training School staff explaining part of the school's curriculum.

THE Alvis Apprentice Training School held a Parents' Evening in the Training School on 23 October. Parents were shown the conditions under which their sons were being trained, and heard the Company views on the aims of the Training Programme.

The evening also provided an opportunity for the parents to ask questions on any points on which they needed further information.

The programme included talks by the Training Staff followed by a tour of the School facilities. It concluded with a buffet and 'get together' over coffee during which a series of slides illustrating the work and activities of the School year were shown.

The 'Parents Evening' was highly successful with both parents and training staff finding the occasion most enjoyable and instructive.



THE CONQUEST OF SNOWDON

ON Sunday, 20th September, a team of 29 people left the Rover Company bound for the mighty Welsh mountains. Management Services were out to make a conquest of Snowdon . . .

After an uneventful road journey the expedition reached Llanberis Pass at 11 a.m. With the weather closing in and visibility of only 50 yards in places, the team ascended the first grassy slopes.

Split into five parties and spaced at two-minute intervals, they made steady headway up the side of the mountain stopping at 1.30 p.m. for lunch 1,800 ft. up.

With lunch over, they travelled upwards again still in thick cloud and rain until they reached 2,400 ft. Here they emerged into bright sunlight and the bluest of skies, to see above them the summit of Snowdon.

The last 1,200 ft. was the hardest part, yet at 4.15 p.m. after climbing 3,560 ft. they reached the top of Snowdon.

After suitable refreshment at the summit cafe, they commenced their descent, crossing much loose scree

into a saddle. A sheer face of rock, some hundreds of feet high, stood directly on the path out of this saddle, but with wise use of hand holds and ledges they successfully negotiated this. They had to descend yet another saddle before commencing their main descent.

A few of the team members were getting tired, but the leaders urged them on and they were all safely off the mountain before dark.

At 7.30 p.m. they approached the car park, leaving the area at 8.30 p.m. and arriving back at the Rover at 1.15 a.m. Monday morning, safe in the knowledge that Management Service had successfully conquered Snowdon.

ROVER 'STARS' IN PRIVATE ROAD

THE London based company Maya Film Productions Limited recently completed a full length colour feature film entitled *Private Road*, starring a Rover 3500 on loan from Rover's Press Fleet.

An independent production, this film was shot

entirely in and around London.

It is directed by Barney Platts-Mills and produced by Andrew St. John.

The names of the principal artistes involved are Bruce Robinson, Susan Penhaligan, Michael Feast and Robert Brown.



THE PICTURE THEY SAID WE WOULD NOT PUBLISH

ASHY lot the Apprentices of Seagrave Road. They thought *Rover and Alvis News* would not print the above picture. For the life of us we cannot understand how they reached this conclusion.

So here it is along with details of the educational awards won by these 'chaps'.

A good record indeed and nothing to be shy about . . . Mr. H. G. Cornish the General Manager of the Seagrave Road Depot presented the 15 apprentices with Educational Awards in the Service School on 25th September, 1970.

Nine of these were for City and Guilds 168 Part I examinations. Five of them being awarded to apprentices who have only been with the Company for one year. The other six awards went to lads taking the City and Guilds 168 Part II.

The apprentices shown in the photograph are from left to right: Messrs. J. A. Roots, R. J. Maskell, D. J. Leung, P. K. W. Schwartz, A. R. Fardoe, A. G. Lewis, C. M. Stretton, R. F. D. Murdoch, P. D. Walters, K. P. Jones, L. H. Edwards, T. W. Reece and P. Scrivenor.

THANKS TO THE LIFE-SAVERS

DURING week ending Friday November 27, 1970 the National Blood Transfusion Service made their annual visit to the Rover Company at Solihull. 584 employees volunteered their service as blood donors and 570 were accepted. This was a small increase on last year.

The Blood Transfusion Service expressed their great appreciation of your cooperation.



To pastures new . . .

ONE of Rover's more jovial characters, David Culliford, recently left to take a position as Land-Rover LCV Sales Co-ordinator at British Leyland Motor Corporation European Headquarters in Lausanne.

He was always smiling, always helpful. Dave (who supplied *Rover and Alvis News* with many a sales story) joined the Rover Company in February, 1964 as a junior clerk in the sales office. In 1966 he became assistant Regional Sales Manager, working directly for Mr R. L. Richter, Sales Manager Europe.

A twenty-nine-year-old bachelor, he has lived in Sheldon for the past 15 years and lists reading as a hobby.

We wish him well in his new job and hope to see him from time to time when he pays a flying visit to Solihull.

MOTOR CLUB'S FIRST EVENT

THE Rover Apprentices Motor Club held its first event, a Treasure Hunt, on Sunday, 29th November.

Sixteen members commenced the 40 mile course, leaving Rowood Drive at 2-minute intervals.

Heavy rain the previous day had flooded various fords along the route. The water naturally took its toll of contestants and only eight cars finished.

The first home was M. Clements in his Mini Van J. Rogers was second and P. Cox third. The other finishers in order of appearances were V. Davis; G. Whitehurst; D. Furnival; A. Ward and G. Archer.

NEWS CONTACTS ARE . . .

DAVE CLARK at Alvis and Rita Chaplin at S. C. Gears.

All news from these plants direct to them please. Or if you wish you could send direct to:

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DAVID SELWYN DAVIES

The 'perpetual motion' fighter

DAVID SELWYN DAVIES is the name of a gentleman as Welsh as the valleys from whence he came, yet between the war years the name Davies struck fear into the hearts of many top flight champions of boxing.

For nearly three years now David Selwyn Davies has worked in the Maintenance Section at Tyseley. In a recent interview he told *Rover and Alvis News* about his amazing career in the boxing ring.

A MINER'S LIFE

Born on October 17, 1909, in Blaengwynfi, near Port Talbot in Glamorgan, he was brought up amidst the

dark Welsh valleys, the pits and the mountains. His father kept three hotels in the area and although Selwyn (which he prefers to be called) went down the mines at 14 years of age, he spent a lot of time in his father's hotel at Caerau, near Maesteg, watching the local lads demonstrate their skill at the 'noble art'.

Like any lad of 14 he joined in and soon proved

himself to be superior in all aspects; he was in fact a born fighter.

After seven years in the pits and many amateur contests he fought his first professional fight, a six round contest arranged by Mr. T. Sullivan at his Bridgend Boxing Booth. He told *Rover and Alvis News* "I was paid 10/- for this six rounder—a lot of money in those days!"

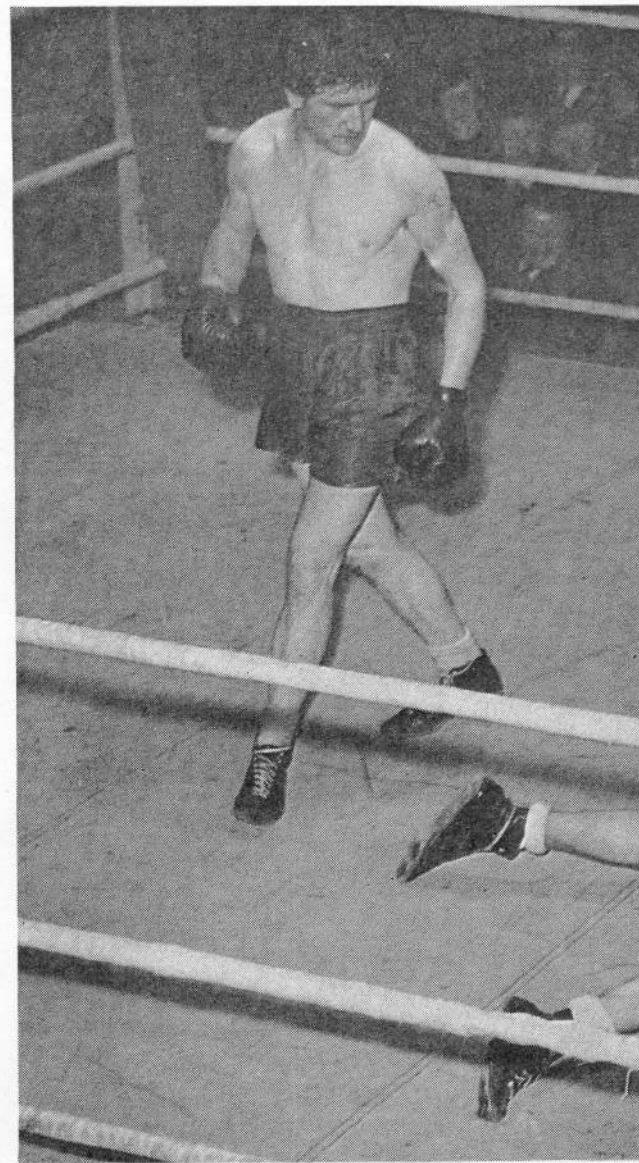
Mr. Sullivan was obviously an astute business man. Within 30 weeks Selwyn had fought 32 contests for him, winning most if not all of them!

THE BIG BREAK . . .

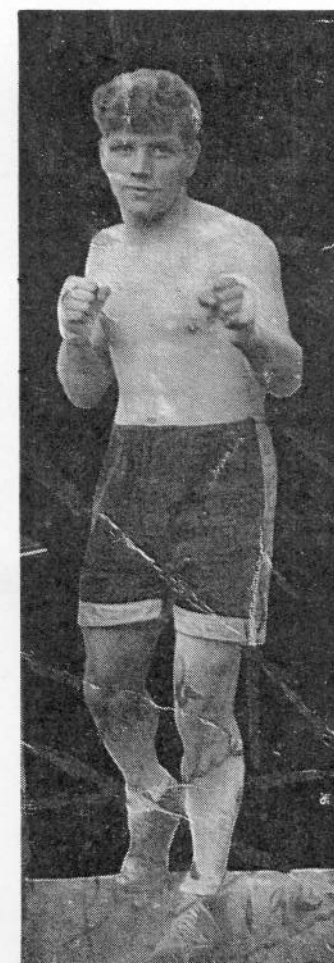
In September 1927 at Blackfriars, Selwyn Davies's big break came when he stepped in the ring for a 15-round non-title fight against Kid Socks, the reigning Bantam Weight Champion of Great Britain, and beat him on points.

With this win the name of Selwyn Davies was to be echoed around the boxing world.

Hailed as the 'perpetual motion fighter' because of his quick, well oiled machin-



Selwyn the Referee:- Here he starts the



(Above) Selwyn in his early days of boxing. (Left) In later years Selwyn came to Rover. (Right) He is seen at work in the Maintenance Section.

ery like movements, Selwyn was in the next five years fight and beat some of the world's best boxers.

Men like N. Tarr, Featherweight Champion of Great Britain, Dom Volcan and A. Foreman, Jr. Lightweight Champion of the World. All came against his fighting fists lost.

FOR EIGHT YEARS

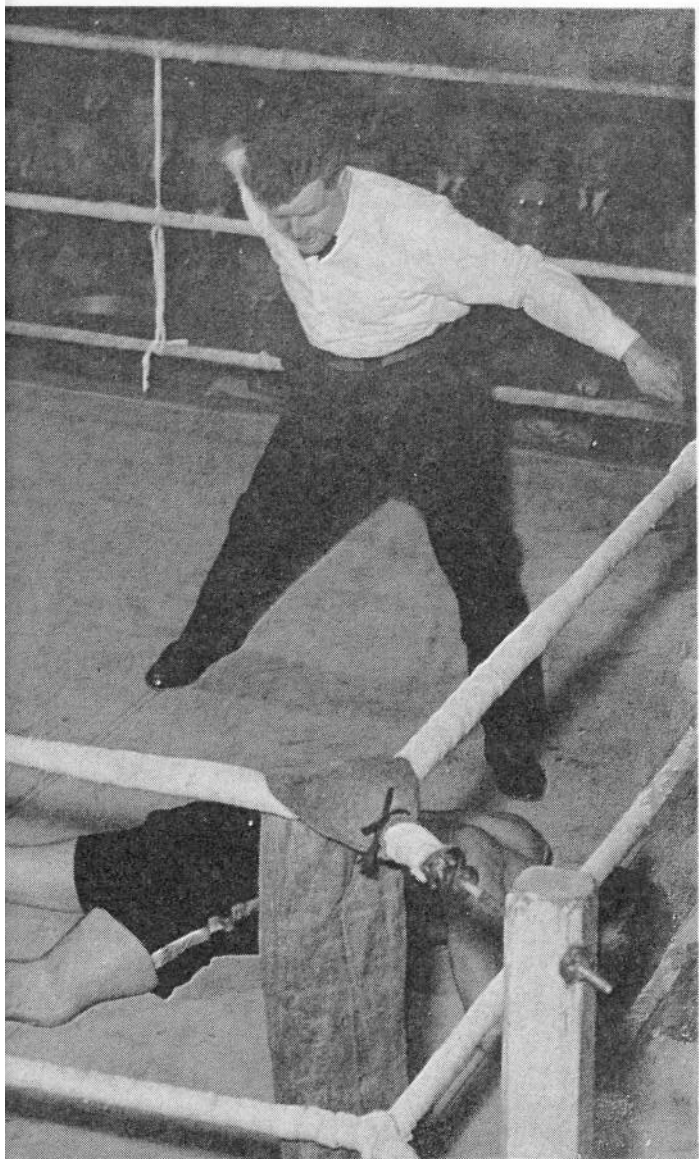
For eight years he was the roost beating most opponents with ease, yet one of his major fights for a title. "I didn't have a manager you see boy," Selwyn. He then went on to say "cuts above my eyes came troublesome, so I ended up before the damage came serious or permanent."

STOPPED BOXING

In those years it took a great deal of willpower to throw in the towel. Selwyn Davies is a man of high intelligence and transferred his affection to refereeing, passing the ring Board of Control as easily as he won his fights.

His years as ring doctor stretched from 1936 to 1956, during which he took charge of many 'big name' bouts.

During 1956 he came back to his calling once again when he was engaged by the Birmingham Education



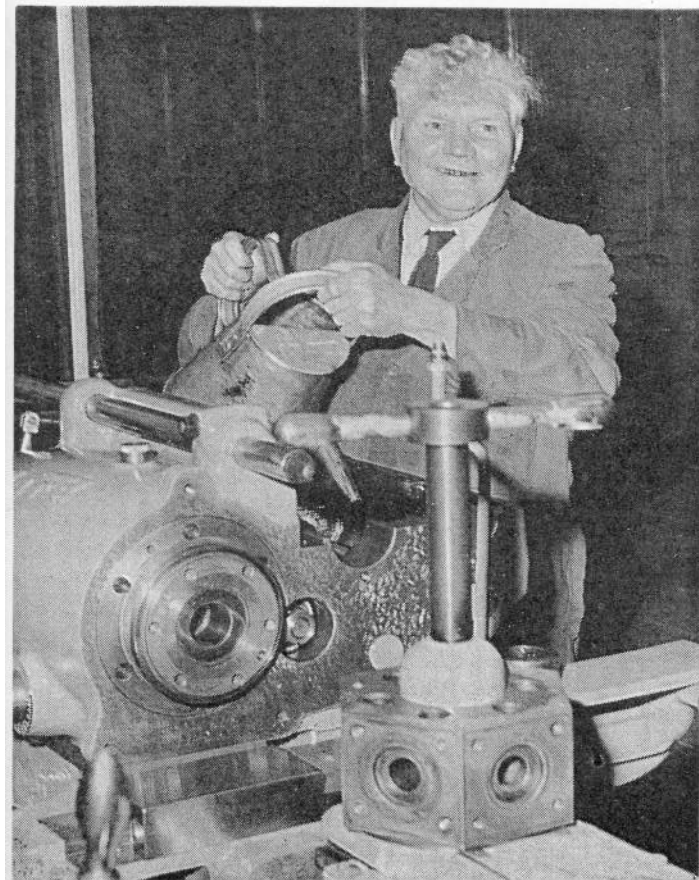
to end another fight in his adjudicating career.

mittee as a PT instructor at Jenkins Street School.

Press cuttings relating to Selwyn's career list the facts that he had 325 fights in eight years and won most of them, was never knocked out and was paid £12 10s for 15 rounds.

Finally we asked the inevitable question. "What do

you think of boxing today?" His answer left us in no doubt. "Boxing today is a business, there is a lot of money about, and some boxers do not put enough effort to their chosen sport. Yet boxing is my life and has been good to me. If I had my time over I would certainly take it up again."



THREE DAY COURSE ON PRODUCT KNOWLEDGE

A LARGE party of British Leyland Motor Corporation European staff recently visited the Rover at Solihull for a three day briefing on Product knowledge.

The party consisted of R. R. S. Clegg, BL Europe; B. Coverdale, BL Belgium; M. Donat, France, N. Edwards, BL Europe; R. B. Ehlers, BL Germany; R. J. Hazel, BL France; H. Knittel, BL Austria; M. A. Noyelle, Belgium; H. Roost, BL Switzerland; J. Sorenson, BL Copenhagen; M. Vinde-dal, BL Norway; and T. Weikop, Denmark.

On arrival at the factory they were welcomed by Mr. A. V. Head, Service General Manager and were then given a talk on Company History followed by a Vehicle Concept and Construction Film.

The following day the party viewed all current

models and after a break were offered facilities for driving all the models. In the afternoon they compared current vehicles i.e.



The party of European Staff assembled in the show-room.

similarity of units, then heard a talk by R. N. Oxley, Chief Engineer (Cars) and T. Barton, Chief Engineer (Land-Rover) on current developments.

On the third and final day of their visit the European Personnel started off with

an explanation of unit design, special features, necessity for use of Special Tools and demonstration of typical examples. After lunch they went on a Factory Tour which was followed by a showing of general interest films.

TRANSPORT THROUGH THE AGES



Years ago luxury travel was via coach and horses. The horses have now gone under the bonnet and today's "high class" transport is the Rover 3500.

DID YOU KNOW?

IT is not generally known but Rover, Cardiff, have a very active sea angling club (see report Page 8). Almost every weekend members can be seen fishing off the Swansea coast.

Officials of the club are: Chairman—Jeff Hancock; secretary—Mike Davison and treasurer—John Davies. These gentlemen, always looking for ways to promote interest, would like to challenge interested parties to a sea angling match (boat or shore).

Any takers please contact: Mr. John Davies, Transport Section, Parts Dept., Pengam.

In addition to the above, fishing enthusiasts who are interested in sea angling in the South Wales area should contact Mr. L. J. Rowe, Parts Dept., Pengam.

Mr. Rowe is secretary of the Cardiff Sea Anglers Association and will be pleased to supply any information about the area.

R. O. A. activities abound!

THE Rover Owner's Association can always be relied upon to stage a highly competitive yet socially enjoyable meet in any part of the British Isles.

Early in November, the weekend 6th to the 8th to be exact, they held a bonfire, fireworks and barbecue on the lovely Eastnor Castle Estate.

Of course it was not all social activities, the more serious minded of the Association competed for the Major Harvey-Bathurst Trophy, and 500 people saw the South Western Rover Owners Club, Messrs. Owen, Toze and Townsend take the trophy.

Individually Mr. Owen of the South West annexed overall 1st and Mr. Pedley of the Peak and Dukeries took the second place. The top navigator was Mr. N. Gay of South West.

Regular ROA news will appear in this paper. Rover Employees will be informed of what they can attend.

FIRST 'GROUP' SOCIAL

FORTY-FOUR people from Technical Publications Departments of Rover, Jaguar, Standard-Triumph and Austin-Morris recently met at the Butchers Arms, Mickleton near Broadway for their first ever social event.

The programme consisted of darts and skittle matches. Everyone had such a good evening out (see right) that it is hoped to make this an annual occasion.

This must be surely one

of the first British Leyland Motor Corporation joint get togethers. If so it is

something of a feather in the cap for Technical Publications.





TALK WITH THE TOP

Redundancy, profits, the future—these are some of the subjects covered by Lord Stokes, Chairman and Managing Director, in the second of our 'Talk with the Top' series of interviews. And he congratulates everyone on the recent improvement in our production figures. Brian Turner, the Corporations Communications Manager, puts to the Chairman the sort of questions that employees are asking.

Q: The difficulties of the Corporation, especially on the volume car side, have been in the news in a big way lately, with the inevitable effects on morale. Has there been any improvement lately?

Lord Stokes: We have announced as early as we possibly could, our forward rationalisation plans for 1971, which unfortunately means a reduction of the labour force in certain areas. This is inevitable, because if this corporation is going to succeed as a major international motor manufacturer we have got to concentrate our activities and get the highest possible competitive productivity. The proposed new model range eliminates a number of overlapping and unnecessary models, and this

together with the development of the new facility at Cowley, requires a restructuring of our activities. In addition to that, we have had to reduce the staff in certain areas to bring it more realistically into line with our production.

On the bright side, we have had—until the electricity strike—a few weeks' good production which I think shows what we all can do when we get a fair wind and a reasonable opportunity.

I think it makes everybody feel happier. If we can keep it up, then the future is quite bright, and I would like to congratulate everybody for what they have achieved during this period.

Q: Will there be any more

redundancy following the 5,000 at Austin Morris?

Lord Stokes: A lot depends on the economic situation in this country, which at the moment is going through a particularly difficult patch.

I cannot really foresee the future, except for the fact that this redundancy is part of our long-term plan for making the Corporation much more efficient and competitive—it is all we envisage at the moment as being necessary for 1971.

But a lot depends upon the general state of the motor industry both in the UK and throughout the world.

Q: Some workpeople do not like very much, your statements that "we are in business to make a profit." Can you define the Cor-

poration's aims in a way that embraces everybody, as we all have a stake in this business?

Lord Stokes: It is very dangerous when statements are taken out of context. One has got to realise what are the objects and aspirations of the Corporation as a whole. I think the principal one is to manufacture cars and commercial vehicles of good quality, giving good value for money, and sell and service them throughout the world.

It is our objective also to be good and responsible employers with an understanding of the needs and aspirations of all the people who are working together with us.

We also have very import-

The second in the series of articles in which Lord Stokes, Chairman of British Leyland, talks with Brian Turner, Communications Manager.

ant obligations to our shareholders, because after all they are the people who lend us the money to provide all this plant and equipment to build up the business, and they expect a reasonable return on their money. We have 300,000 shareholders and they are not all rich people. Most of them only have a small amount of money in the Corporation but taken all together it makes a large amount.

We are in a very capital-intensive industry where—as everybody in the works knows—we need more efficient plant and equipment to take the drudgery out of the work and make better vehicles. But if we do not make money we cannot be good employers, and we cannot satisfy the shareholders—and so be able to borrow more money when

the need arises—and have enough left over to buy new plant and machinery.

You must remember that out of every pound that we earn, something like 11/6d goes towards buying material from other people to incorporate in our cars. About 5/6d goes out in wages to our own employees, but only a very small portion goes to the shareholders. We all want to build this Corporation up into a stable industry: build products of which we can all be proud and which will give us all continuity of employment.

The only yardstick showing whether we are successful or not in the long run, is the degree of profit we make and having this profit, then we can decide how we share it among the various demands put upon it.



Some Retirements



(Above) Mr. Sydney Brooks, Senior Inspection Foreman at Acocks Green, retired on November 27 after 33 years' service. Mr. A. J. West, Inspection Superintendent, presented him with a cheque on behalf of his friends. (Below) Mr. Albert Reginald Hawkins, who works in the Inspection department at Solihull, retired on November 27 after 13 years' service. Mr. E. G. Bacon, Executive Director—Quality and Reliability, made the presentation of an Infra-red Health Lamp and a cheque on behalf of all his friends.



(Above) Mr. A. Bailey, Machine Foreman at Percy Road, retired on November 27 after 50 years' service with the Rover Company. The presentation of a cheque was made on behalf of all his friends and colleagues by Mr. E. Scott, Executive Director. (Below) Mr. John Falkner Harrison retired on November 30 after 17 years' service. He worked in the MCD at Acocks Green. Mr. H. Butler, Executive Director—Production Control, presented him with a transistor radio on behalf of his friends.



ADVENTURE IS NOT DEAD

Five young men leave to travel the world

WHO said that today's young men have no spirit of adventure. Five Midlands are even now on a self-financed 'around the world' journey in a specially equipped Land-Rover.

The men—all bachelors—are Triumph employees, David Newbold, his brother Michael, Tony Wisdom, Bill Bragg and Peter Price.

The preparations for the trip which is scheduled to take five years, cost them over £4,000. They will have to find work in some of the countries through which they will be passing, in order to keep solvent.

It was at the beginning of 1970 when the five friends decided to turn the 'Coventry Overland Expedition' from a dream into a reality.

They bought a twelve-seater Land-Rover, fitted it out to their own specifications and carefully planned, prepared and plotted their course across Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and finally the USA before returning home.

The three ex-Triumph fitters in the party, David, Michael and Tony will look after the welfare of the vehicle en-route. Whilst the meals will be handled by Bill, who is a qualified chef.

photo call

staff dance children's party

SEVEN-HUNDRED-FIVE Rover employees' children attended an excellent Christmas party at Solihull Works Canteen on Saturday, December 12.

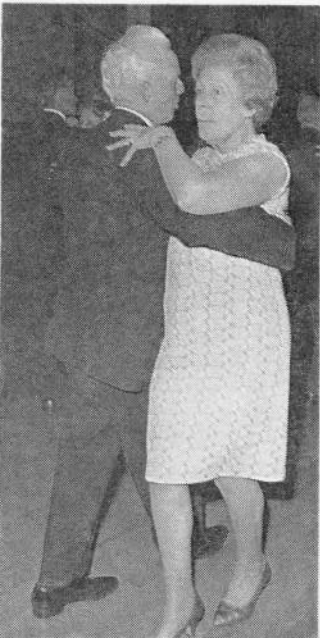
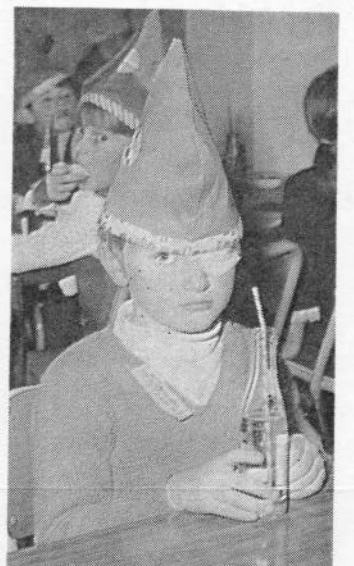
The organisation of the event was in the capable hands of the members of the Rover (Solihull) Social and Athletic Club.

The children started to arrive at 2 p.m. and the function commenced at 3 p.m. On arrival each child was presented with a paper hat.

The party tea was served by a willing band of helpers and judging by expressions on the children's faces the meal of 'goodies' was thoroughly appreciated.

Father Christmas proved as usual to be a great attraction, and each child received a present, either from him or his helpers.

The compere was Mr. Gordon Lucker, and an excellent concert was provided by the Wal Bowley Trio, with Mr. Les Hunt as pianist.



THE Staff Dance held on December 18 at the Civic Hall in Solihull was a glittering affair.

An annual occasion in its third year at the Civic, it is very popular with employees who 'come out in force' to attend.

This year was different in the respect that it was a 'sell out', well over 500 tickets being sold.

During the past three years the organising committee have tried to formulate a pattern by switching styles of music, pop, dance and big band. The result—ticket sales have to be restricted. This alone points to the popularity of the occasion.

A committee spokesman informed *Rover and Alvis News* that they wish to thank all who attended, especially the Directors and their wives and if anyone has any suggestions to make regarding a change of format, would they write to any committee member.

By the looks of past results and the photographs showing employees enjoying themselves this would seem pointless—it is excellent already.

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

CRICKET CLUB STAGE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE



All the award winners

THE month of October marked the end of the 1970 Rover Cricket Season with the Cricket Club's Annual Dinner Dance and prize presentation, held in very pleasant surroundings in nearby Birmingham.

The opening speech by the President of the club welcomed the guest of honour, Mr. N. M. McVicker, Warwickshire County Cricket Club fast bowler. The president also welcomed all in attendance.

Mr. McVicker replied thanking the club for their invitation and then commenced with the highlight

of the evening, the presentation of awards, as follows:

1st team Batting—A. Rooke, Land-Rover Assembly; and bowling—L. Burnett, Internal Transport. 2nd team Batting—C. Payne, Detail Paint; and Bowling—G. Brown, P6 Paint. A Club Cap went to R. Phillips, of Land-Rover Assembly. Whilst the Division IV BHL Champions' honours went to the 2nd team.

In the Inter-Department Competition the C. J. Peyton Trophy went to Secretarial, whilst Land-Rover 'A' were runners-up.

The 'Lloyd Dixon Trophy' went to Test Rec., with Internal Transport the runners-up. Finally, in the Challenge Match the Champions' Trophy went to Secretarial.



Club President, Mr. R. H. Phillips (left) presenting the main cup awards.

SEA FISHING

Poor competition for Cardiff entrants

THE Rover Viking sea angling club at Cardiff recently spent a day competition fishing for the big cod that frequent the waters at Chesil beach in Dorset.

Some forty members of the team travelled to Chesil, but only five anglers were successful weighing in fish.

The results of what was a disappointing competition was a win for John Mumford with 3lb 4oz followed by Des Busby 3lb 0oz, Mike Davison 2lb 12oz and Len Rowe 1lb 6½oz, to whom heartiest congratulations go.

The prize of a standard lamp plus cash presented for the heaviest fish went to

Des Busby with a fish of 2lb 5oz and John Mumford was awarded a coffee table and cash for the winning weight of 3lb 4oz.

AGM agrees to coaching next season

AT the Cricket Section's Annual General Meeting the 1971 Club Officials were appointed and are as follows: President, R. H. Phillips; Chairman, A. Gregory, 100 in. S/W; Secretary, Skip Jones, Planning; Treasurer, H. Prince, Secretarial; Assistant Secretary, J. Scott, Secretarial; Fixture Secretary (Sat), A. Revill, OES; Fixture Secretary (Sun), A. Wheeler, Land-Rover Assembly; 1st XI Captain, A. Rooke, Land-Rover Assembly; 2nd

XI Captain, A. Revill, OES; and Club coach, A. Rooke.

One of the points raised at the Annual Meeting was pre-season practice. It was decided that from January 1971 a period of practice and coaching will be available in the main canteen under the supervision of the club coach, Mr. A. Rooke.

A CHALLENGE TO YOU

ONE recent Monday evening, teams from Rover, Perry Barr, accepted a challenge from Kings Heath British Legion Club to play them at Darts, Snooker, Crib and Dominoes.

The evening was a great success with the result being an overall win for Rover by 5-4, 3-2, 5-4 and 8-7 respectively, for the fifth time.

If there are any further challengers, these unbeaten champions would like to hear from them.

WILL YOU TAKE IT UP...

BRITISH LEYLAND weightlifters who would like to match skill and strength may have a chance to do so next year.

Vic Mercer, secretary of the weightlifting section at the Castle Bromwich Body plants hopes to revive the British Leyland weightlifting championships.

"We have first rate facilities at Castle Bromwich—and up to the time the contest was suspended we have clubs from Bathgate, Birmingham and Cowley area works competing" he explained.

It will take some doing—but Vic is prepared to have a go at bringing the group's strong men together again.

If you are the secretary of a works weightlifting club, please write to Vic at his home address at 265 Longmeadow Crescent, Shard End, Birmingham 36.



RIXON AND HOPKINS WIN SNOOKER FINAL

THE Solihull Works Engineers Snooker Section recently held their Autumn Snooker Handicap Competition.

The final was a closely fought match, with the partnership of B. Hopkins and T. Rixon pitting their skills against A. Everall and M. Edge (see all four above).

With only five colours left on the table it was anyone's game, and Messrs. Everall and Edge needed

to pot them all for a tie.

Everall brought out all his skill and expertise, and with three fine shots potted Green, Brown and Blue. He narrowly missed the Pink with his fourth shot, leaving it over the top right hand pocket for Rixon to make the winning stroke. The final score being 52 to 33.

After the match Mr. R. Dixon, Welfare and Social Club Secretary, presented prizes to the triumphant winners.

SOLIHULL ANGLERS HOLD A CONCERT

ONCE again the Angling Section had a very successful evening at their Annual Dinner, Concert and Dance, on Saturday, November 14.

It was attended by approximately 680 members and friends.

The evening began with a wonderfully prepared meal by the Manageress, Mrs. E. Callanan and

staff, at Solihull.

This was followed by speeches from Mr. D. Kemp, Chairman of the Angling Section; Mr. J. Heath, Secretary; Mr. P. Hall, Production Manager (Cars) Mr. R. Dixon, General Secretary Sports and Social Club and Mr. W. Coyne, Secretary of the Birmingham Anglers' Association.

Then came the Concert

followed by the Angling Section's Annual Prize Presentations. With the assistance of the Secretary, Mr. J. Heath, the prizes and trophies were presented (see winners below) by Mrs. F. Jennings the wife of the President of the BAA.

Finally the evening was then rounded off with dancing to the music of Stan White and his Orchestra.

