

SUGGESTIONS  
AND  
AWARDS

HEATHHALL.

£2—J. FAMILTON, Tredaire (Changing hessian canvas).

*Letters of Thanks*—E. Hay, Cutting (Contamination of X1317 and X1311); G. Brockie, Golf Balls (Rework recovery boxes at pillow feeding); H. Watkin, Prefitting (Cutting pattern gum stocks); J. J. Grindall, Payroll Fire Protection); J. FAMILTON, Tredaire (Tredaire—Packaging).

## PLASTICS TECHNICAL CONTROL

Effective 21st February, G. Lyall was appointed Technical Superintendent of the Plastics Technical Control group. Mr Lyall is now directly responsible for all Technical Control aspects of Royalite primary processing—an important assignment in view of the imminent installation of new facilities.

and the UNIROYAL book will go with me as we are very anxious to illustrate the range of products which will be produced in the County."

**Hector Monro**, Member of Parliament for Dumfriesshire "I have established close contact with your factory in Dumfries and if at any time I can be of assistance to you or Mr Crerar do not hesitate to let me know."

**J. C. Penman**, A. C. Penman Ltd., Dumfries "The district owes a great deal to The North British Rubber Co. coming here which changed the whole outlook of the place from one of depression to one of advance."

## FROM DOMINION RUBBER

In our heavy issue of last month we couldn't find space for all the news items on hand. One of those was the visit in January of two executives of Dominion Rubber—R. D. Shepherd, Factory Manager, General Products and Textiles at Kitchener; and H. Hiller, Production Superintendent, Plastics, also from Kitchener.

Prime reason for their visit was to study crash pad production at Castle Mills. This has now been taken a stage further by the visit this month to Canada and America of Bill McEwan, who heads our Royalite production. Close liaison of this kind is one of the real benefits of being part of a large family such as UNIROYAL with interests throughout the world.

Our Dominion friends had a brief but busy visit to Heathhall. On the manufacturing side the Rotocures were of key interest, while it is nice to report how much they were impressed with our Canteen facilities there—apparently they could take a leaf out of our book.

Though not exactly strangers to Britain both Harry Hiller, who has 30 years service with Dominion, and Bob Shepherd (10 years), packed in quite a bit of sight-seeing in their short stay. This included a visit to the famous Globe Inn at Dumfries, haunt of Robert Burns, most appropriate as it was just a few days before the celebrations of the 25th. We understand that Bob Shepherd lives on the edge of a golf course in Kitchener. Not to be able to have a few holes in Scotland as the home of golf was a big disappointment. However, he saw enough evidence of golf courses in his travels to whet his appetite for next time.

## HEATHHALL VISITS

*Feb. 15.*—School children group (10-12 years) from Dalbeattie. By way of creating special interest the children were asked to write an essay about the visit. Mr Graham reports a very good standard.

*Feb. 22.*—Army apprentices from Hadrian's Camp, Carlisle. A close look at industry is now part of this group's activities. This is the third time the Army apprentices have visited Heathhall.

## GOOD WISHES FROM FAR AND WIDE

*Our re-born company showered with goodwill*

That the news of our new company title and future plans have evoked considerable interest in influential quarters is evident from the many letters of good wishes that have reached our Managing Director. They have come from top Government officials such as the First Secretary of State, Chancellor of the Exchequer, President of the Board of Trade; Minister of Power; Minister of Aviation; Minister of Technology; Secretary of State for Education and Science; the Scottish Office; from nationalised industry through Lord Robens of the National Coal Board; London Transport; the giants of industry; Members of Parliament; firms who have been customers of ours through two and three generations.

All these messages of goodwill are most heartening as we enter a new era in our company history. Perhaps it wouldn't be inappropriate to quote from one or two:—

**The Rt. Hon. Arthur Woodburn, M.P.**, former Secretary of State for Scotland "I have known Castle Mills for over 70 years—I was born almost within sight of it—and have always been interested in their progress. I wish you every success."

**Tom Oswald**, Member of Parliament for Central Edinburgh, whose constituency in-

cludes Castle Mills "May I wish the company every success under their new title."

**W. S. Robertson, C.B.E., B.Sc.**, Chief Executive, Scottish Council (Development and Industry) "Naturally we in the Scottish Council are very happy to know of the continuing good progress of your company, and to observe the Newbridge development proceeding. We were glad to play a part in the protracted negotiations which preceded the final decision on the location of the new factory, and it was good news for Scotland when the decision in favour of the Newbridge site was made. Inevitably there is some regret at the passing of a name which has been a household word in Edinburgh over such a long period, but it could not be replaced by a more apt name than UNIROYAL. Incidentally, we believe that North British Rubber was the first effective American manufacturing investment in Scotland, and that your company was thus the forerunner of a group which now numbers about 80, produces about £170 million annually, and exports 45 per cent. of the total—a very important sector of the Scottish manufacturing community."

**D. W. Duguid, B.L., D.P.A.**, Deputy County Clerk for Midlothian "We shall be in Birmingham with our Midlothian Exhibition

## BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE AT NEWBRIDGE

This web of steelwork is part of the Plastics Primary Processing factory at Newbridge. For the past three months steelwork has been springing up on our 100 acre site outlining the shape of things to come in Tyres and Plastics. In the latter brickwork is also proceeding apace. The next three months should see the buildings sufficiently well advanced to permit of the installation of the first machinery in mid-summer.

