

NORTH BRITISH NEWS

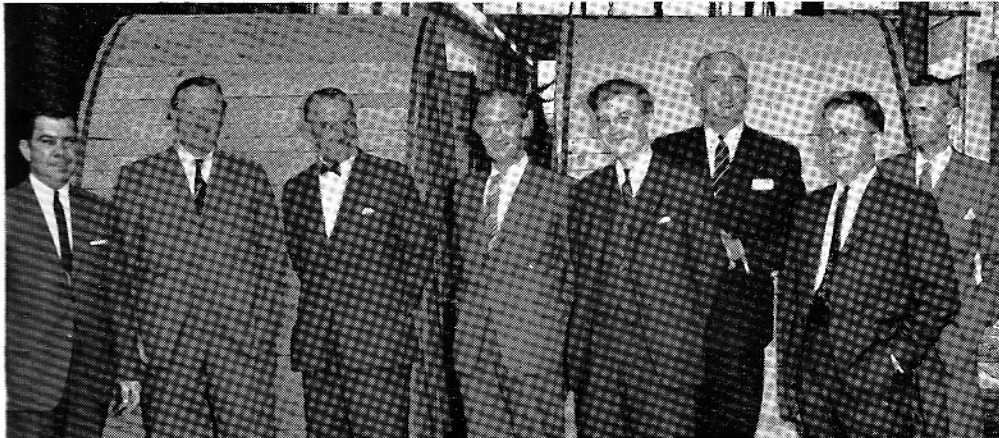
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The House Organ of
THE NORTH BRITISH RUBBER CO. LTD.
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Factory Holiday Arrangements

Castle Mills—Close down FRIDAY, 29th JUNE
Re-open MONDAY, 16th JULY

Heathhall—Close down FRIDAY, 20th JULY
Re-open MONDAY, 6th AUGUST

—and an excellent holiday to all!



Photographed beside the first belts crated for despatch to U.S.S.R.—G. H. Coston, Factory Manager, Sir Arthur Duncan, County Convener, W. G. Paterson, Dumfries Treasurer, G. D. Grant, Town Clerk, M. A. J. Gossip, Deputy County Clerk, Forbes Hunter, President, Dumfries Chamber of Commerce, D. Gardiner, Belting Production Manager, T. Phin, Editor Dumfries and Galloway Standard.

Russian Belting Contract creates wide interest

WITHIN the past 10 weeks contracts totalling over £600,000 have been awarded to U.S. Rubber International (Great Britain) Ltd., our export associates, for the supply of rubber conveyor belting to Russia. These orders are of great importance to Heathhall.

On 18th May the first of the belts at various stages of production were viewed by a small group including Sir Arthur Duncan, County Convener, M. A. J. Gossip, Deputy County Clerk; W. G.

Paterson, Treasurer, and G. D. Grant, Town Clerk, representing the Burgh of Dumfries; J. H. Maxwell, Past President of the Dumfries Chamber of Commerce; and Forbes Hunter, the new President. The party was received and shown round by G. H. Coston, Factory Manager; D. Gardiner, Production Manager, Belting and General Products; and C. Thomson, Manager P.V.C. and Rubber Belting Development, who was present at the negotiations in Moscow prior to the signing of the contract.

Minister calls at Heathhall

Two weeks later, Niall Macpherson, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, who was prevented by parliamentary duties from being at Heathhall with the others, was shown round by Mr. Coston. As M.P. for Dumfries he was particularly interested in the progress of the belting contract from Russia. A few years have elapsed since Mr.

Centre—Niall Macpherson, M.P., following the Rotocure process of belting manufacture described by Factory Manager G. H. Coston.



CAMERA RECORDS STRESSES

A NEW machine equipped with an automatic camera is helping scientists learn why rubber and rubber products may crack under severe use.

The machine is aiding in the development of new chemicals which lead to a longer useful life for rubber products, reports Dr. F. H. D. Akkerman, research scientist at United States Rubber Company's Research Centre, Wayne, N.J.

As the machine flexes samples of natural or synthetic rubber, it makes a photographic record of the growth of cracks which develop in the substance. These cracks often start under the surface of the material, Dr. Akkerman discovered.

Objective of the study is to develop materials or methods which prevent the formation of cracks. An anti-zone chemical, Flexzone 3C, developed by U.S. Rubber's Naugatuck Chemical Division, has been found to reduce the number of cracks substantially.

Suggestions and Awards

CASTLE MILLS

£2.—R. Logan, Tyre Product Control (Application of cover strap on narrow W.S.W. tyres).

Letters of Merit.—C. Beveridge, Formed Mats (Rubber Mats); J. Souter and F. England, Rubber Reclaim (Crumb Prevention).

Letters of Thanks.—J. Dodds, Fitting Shop (Preservation of Foam Dispenser Foam Oven); W. Marshall, Royalite (Humber Crash Pads); A. M. Amos, Royalite (Economy); A. Ivers, Royalite Inspection (Fit two-way Air Valve to Vacuum Moulds); W. Marshall, Royalite (Voids in Zephyr Crash Pads).

HEATHHALL

Letters of Thanks.—T. Alsop, Millroom Footwear (Save Chalk at Rug Calendar); C. W. C. Brown, Millroom Calenders (Safety device at Paraflor Calendar Doubling Drum).

Safety Thought

ENJOY A SAFE WORKING DAY

Macpherson's last visit to Heathhall and he was most impressed by the layout and production activity. He also saw production of footwear, bathing caps and carpet underlay.