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Planning to meet our programmes

Our Division has been renamed Production and Supply Operations and we have a new department called Production and Supply Planning. Why the change? And what is it all about anyway? These questions are answered by Mr. Gwilym H. Peregrine, Controller of the new Department, in this article he wrote for VISION.

Basically the change was made to simplify our Company organisation and to give total responsibility for all aspects of engineering, production and supply to one Director—Mr. F. Wickstead.

Previously one part of the supply planning function had been associated with Distribution at Denham and had acted as an independent link between Marketing and Production, and the other part of the supply planning function had been located within the Production Control department at Mitcheldean. The new organisation thus has two big advantages:

1. It brings together the Mitcheldean and Denham supply planning functions into a single new Department—Production and Supply Planning—under my control.

2. It allows that new Department to talk on behalf of the Production and Supply Operations Division—direct to the Marketing Divisions.

Now 'Production and Supply Planning' sounds very complicated. What does it mean? The answer is: doing all the work necessary to ensure that our operating companies have available to them—at the right time and in the right quantities—all the machines, consumables and spare parts necessary to meet the agreed company programmes.

Read quickly, that may not sound very much—but think what is involved over our ever-increasing product range!

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Mr. J. W. Evans is Supply Planning Manager at Mitcheldean.

Current products:

- ☐ Agreeing the installation forecast with Marketing.
- ☐ Proposing and getting agreement to the 'new build' and remodelling programmes.
- ☐ Preparing schedules for action by both Purchasing and Production to ensure that all the thousands of different piece parts are available at the right time.
- ☐ Keeping stock records.
- ☐ Covering instruction for the issue of all parts as required.

New products

- ☐ Co-ordinating plans within the Division in liaison with Marketing Services—and then all the things which are covered under Current Products above.

Spare parts (important for any company—but essential for a rental company such as ours!)

- ☐ Forecasting future demand.
- ☐ Regulating stock levels.
- ☐ Placing 'orders' on Purchasing and on Production.
- ☐ Controlling issues, etc.

Consumables (drums, developers, toners, etc.)

- ☐ Forecasting future demand.
- ☐ Placing 'programmes' on the production units at Elstree (soon to move to Welwyn) and Venray in Holland.

I regard as the first objective the welding together of the Supply Planning Departments at Mitcheldean and Denham into one team. At Mitcheldean the Supply Planning Manager is Mr. J. W. Evans; at Denham it is Mr. N. Middleton. Both Jim Evans and Neil Middleton report to me and I in turn report to Mr. Wickstead.

At Mitcheldean the Supply Planning Department has been operative since November 1 and consists of the former Production Control sections responsible for Procurement and Spares Planning.

In view of the complex nature of this planning operation a considerable amount of work has already been put on our computers—particularly at Mitcheldean where much progress has already been made in developing sophisticated programmes to meet our special requirements.

Mr. Gwilym H. Peregrine, Controller of Production and Supply Planning.

This use of the computer in Supply Planning will be greatly extended over the next few years. It is an invaluable tool as it can do a great deal of the routine work—thus leaving the planning staff much more free to 'plan' in the true sense of the word.

The Production and Supply Planning Department stands on two good feet, one at Mitcheldean and one at Denham. Working closely with the Marketing Division distribution operations and the operating companies on the one hand, and with Engineering, Production and Purchasing on the other hand, its firm objective is to do the best possible job for the Company in the years ahead.

Keeping it all under control

Production Control has been 'split' twice over in the last few months and as a result no longer exists as a department.

This apparently drastic action was taken in order to streamline the control of supply, manufacture and storage activities within the Plant.

The first 'split'—when the provisioning functions of the department were transferred to Production & Supply Planning—is explained in the preceding article by Mr. Peregrine.

The second occurred on January 1 when the remainder of Production Control was divided into two separate functions: Stores & Stock Control Department (headed by Mr. James H. Cannon), and Factory Progress Department (under Mr. Maurice M. Brain).

It is on these two sections, together with Purchase Department, that the Department of Production & Supply Planning relies to a great extent for the meeting of agreed programmes.

As Factory Stores & Stock Control Manager, Mr. Cannon is a man with millions to look after. His brief is to be responsible for the receiving, safe storage and control of all items needed for the production and supply of Xerox machines, as provided for by the Production & Supply Planning Department.

When you consider that the 720 alone contains 858 purchased and 843 manufactured items ranging from a major assembly to a wiring tag used at the rate of 220 per machine, you get some idea of what is involved!

Terrific growth

The stores which now come under his control include: the finished parts stores; four product stores servicing the 660, 720, 2400/3600 and sorter production lines; two main tool stores; two main raw materials stores; and consumables stores—consumables meaning anything from a piece of rag to a special glue costing 230s. per 4 oz. bottle.

As you can imagine, there has been a terrific growth in stores activity in the past 18 months, and Goods Inwards and Despatch, which are also Mr. Cannon's responsibility, have been correspondingly busy. He told us that whereas in 1966 something like 150 lorries a week were unloaded in Goods Inwards, the figure rose to 190 a week last year.

In addition to these responsibilities Mr. Cannon fulfils another important function—that of Factory Controller of Engineering Orders.

Such an order is issued every time new or modified piece parts are required —perhaps for a modification to an existing machine or the introduction of a new model—and it is Mr. Cannon's job to work out exactly when the change can be conveniently and economically introduced into the production line, and to ensure that parts are available at the right time.

Motivating Man

Mr. Maurice M. Brain, as Manager—Factory Progress Department, is the Plant's 'Motivating Man'. He is responsible for seeing that when Production & Supply Planning issue an order for the manufacture of any part, it is produced on time, whether it is made inside the factory or by sub-contractors. Naturally he depends a good deal on his senior progress chasers—and 'they're the best bunch of boys you could wish to have', he told us.

Another motivating aspect of Mr. Brain's work is the control of all internal factory transport, other than goods movements inside actual manufacturing departments. For this he has the use of ten different types of vehicles, varying from forklifts and Rillas to the articulated lorries used for conveying completed machines from the assembly departments to the Warehouse.

Distinct advantage

Mr. C. W. Hotchen, Chief Production Executive, to whom the two new sections are responsible, commented: 'We feel that the creation of a separate Progress Department whose sole objective is to concentrate on motivating the factory and its suppliers, so that everything is at the right place at the right time, is going to be a distinct advantage.'

The 'split' has not resulted in staff being scattered in all directions. There is need for close co-operation between the different sections and this can be achieved by staff remaining in their original Production Control locations.

FAR LEFT *Jim Cannon discussses with Maurice Brain the organisation of internal transport with regard to the delivery of parts to the various stores.* LEFT *Ken Scrivens, Raw Materials & Despatch Stores Supervisor, and his chief look at the rearranged storage of bar material in the old Heat Treatment shop.*

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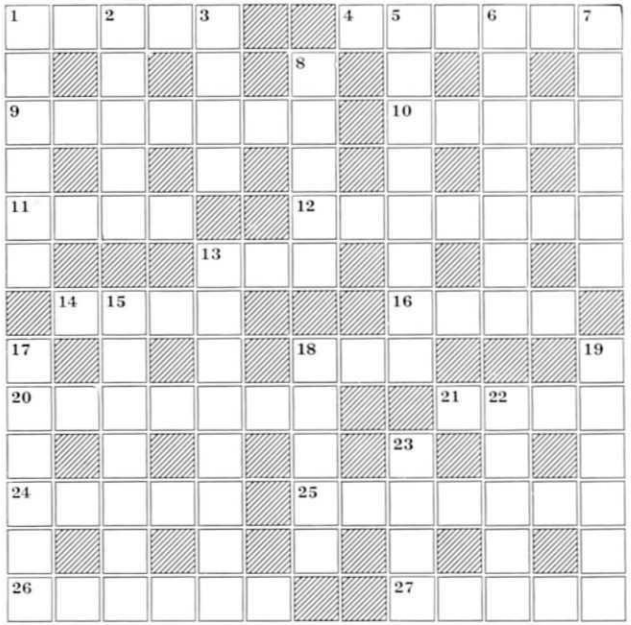
COVER PICTURE

Scaffolding for a temporary store for raw and part machined castings, recently erected in the old car park adjacent to Building 29 (Project 9). It will accommodate approximately 900 large or 2,200 small stillages.

CROSSWORD



PUZZLE BY PAUL GREGORY

ACROSS

1 What a beauty! (5)
4 How you mean to go camping. (6)
9 You always do this when you are satisfied. (7)
10 & 13 Two girls in one?—again what a beauty! (8)
11 Food for a Swiss drummer. (4)
12 Run over by a car in reverse. (7)
13 See 10.
14 This is strictly for the girls (or a sculptor). (4)
16 Song of joy. (4)
18 Silly humble creature—always being sat on. (3)
20 'Abandoned gold-mine' you cry! (7)
21 Party life-partner. (4)
24 Flower factory. (5)
25 Sub-assembly songster, world-famous when followed by 17. (7)
26 Hopeful word—do you get it? (6)
27 It's the thing to drink and drive as as much as you like. (5)

DOWN

1 Where to go rock-hunting (in Drybrook perhaps). (6)
2 Fire a schoolboy. (5)
3 Time goes both ways. (4)
5 Sat on by thrifty birds. (4 & 4)
6 Blow up your favourite picture. (7)
7 'Most exasperating' said the Judge. (6)
8 A common joint in the wood. (5)
13 The biggest natural obstacle between Rank Xerox and Xerox Corporation. (8)
15 Lose your grip on the fixture. (7)
17 Little church singer after 25. (6)
18 Collect a great lump. (5)
19 Entertainer (at a smoking concert?) (6)
22 How lettuce leaves hide a little bird. (5)
23 Look here—what a prospect! (4)

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He has a way with computers

A. HAMBLIN

Dr. Pronob Sarkar

A system newly developed by our Computer Services Manager may make it possible in future to write computer programmes in plain natural English instead of the customary 'higher level languages' such as Cobol, Fortran, etc.

His suggested techniques are set out in a thesis entitled 'Artificial Intelligence and Natural English' for which Pronob Sarkar was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Science at Bristol University on January 24.

In 1965/66 Dr. Sarkar was given extended leave of absence by the Company to study the application of computers to industrial management at the University, and his thesis was the result of those studies.

Computer programming is as yet a very specialised job because one has to know the grammatical structure of the computer language. Dr. Sarkar points out that a natural language processor can be combined with a compiler and the enlarged version can create lists in machine language from natural English statements. When one considers that the shortage of programmers is estimated to reach about 20,000 in this country alone by the 1970s, one can envisage the benefit to industry of such a development.

The use of a computer for calculations with numbers is feasible, says Dr. Sarkar, because everything is clear-cut. But many of the problems which involve decision-making can only be presented in words, and one can imagine the advantages to be derived by management if a question can be put direct in natural English to an 'on-line' file.

It is gratifying to note that one of Mitcheldean's departmental heads has made such a valuable contribution to this branch of knowledge—a contribution that may open up other avenues for studies in machine automatic translation.

Dancing through the season

By the time this issue appears, the Ballroom Dancing Club activities will be well under way for the season, writes club chairman Ira Griffin.

The past season was a gay and successful one for the members. They paid visits to Malvern Winter Gardens and Park Hall, Wormelow, and a 42-strong party of members and friends attended a buffet dance at the Castle View Hotel, Lydbrook, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hunt.

The club acted as hosts on two occasions when the West Gloucestershire Education Dancing Class, Roy and Sylvia Thomas Dancing Class of Gloucester, and Mr. E. Price's Dancing Class of Ross-on-Wye were entertained in our Ballroom.

The West Gloucestershire College of Further Education Students Association held a dance at the Rank Xerox Ballroom recently and any profit from this dance is being given to the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. The Skyliners Showband proved their value as entertainers on this occasion—they provided excellent music, nicely balanced, with a tempo correct for the dances, the vocalists were a pleasure to listen to, and all ages were catered for.

Surely this is a band worth booking for one of our own functions.

parties!

Photos by R. Evans and A. Hamblin

● *The* 1967/68 *departmental party season started in December and extended into February. Parties pictured are, from top to bottom:* FAR LEFT *Canteen, Goods Inwards.* CENTRE *Design Engineering,* 813 *Dept., Maintenance,* 2400 *Dept.* ABOVE 914 *Dept., Production Control, Administration, Reconditioning Dept.*

PRESS ASSOCIATION PHOTO

A. HAMELIN

We all pulled together

by Peter Jennings

We were climbing an ice face in the Western Highlands when a blizzard caught us, forcing us to stop. With my feet balancing precariously in holes cut into the ice, I dug my axe into snow, wrapped the rope round it—and prayed! It was half an hour before the blizzard abated and we dared to move again.

Just in case that wasn't enough to test our characters, we had to slide, unroped, down the ice face, then turn and arrest our fall by striking our axe into the ice. The alternative was a drop into some of Scotland's finest scenery! One chap lost his axe, but he didn't lose his head; he turned and dug his hands in for all he was worth—*and* lived to tell his mates back home.

All this happened during one of those expeditions in the hills which are a feature of the Outward Bound Moray Sea School at Burghead, Elgin.

I was lucky (yes, lucky) enough to be accepted by the Outward Bound Trust and our Company generously paid my train fare to Scotland and my wages while away.

The Moray Sea School is reputed to be the toughest of all Outward Bound schools in this country, and January in Scotland is not exactly mild, but I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

On arrival at the school I had a medical and was issued with a tent, Primus stove, ice axe, etc.—everything I might want on a mountain expedition.

We were all interviewed by the Warden (a well-known Olympics coach) and sorted into 'watches' of ten or 12. There were about 80 students there and each 'watch' worked as a team, with competition between teams and not individuals.

We got up each day at 6.30 am, went for a sprint, had a cold shower, did our 'duties' (tidying up the dormitory, etc.), then had breakfast. After this there was a parade when the day's orders were given out.

Outdoor activities were interspersed with indoor ones. There was judo training with Black Belt instructors, sailing in 26ft. dipping lug cutters on the Moray Firth, drill at the lifeboat station, First Aid lectures, and life-saving instruction at the swimming baths at Gordonstoun (Prince Charles' former school), with discussions and debates in the evenings. At the end of the course we held a concert in which each watch took part.

Smoking and alcohol were out—an exercise in self-discipline which was strictly adhered to. The whole emphasis was on creating a physically and mentally healthy community.

Which reminds me of another little incident that few people would regard as health-inducing!

We had made our way to camp 2,000 ft. up in absolutely filthy weather. Having pitched our tent, we crawled in and thankfully changed into a dry set of clothes. The wind blew up, the tent blew down, and we got drenched erecting it again. So for the rest of our four days in the hills we had to live and sleep in wet clothes in freezing conditions. We used to wake up at night and light the stove to thaw ourselves out.

It was good to get back to the school and tuck in—the food was terrific.

I learned a lot on this course—about self-discipline, team spirit, responsibility. It was the best experience of my life and I feel tremendously fit as a result.

TOP LEFT *An expedition in the hills.*
LEFT *Peter Jennings, an apprentice in his fourth year, is currently doing departmental training in Tool Investigation.*

● *The fact that he is vice-captain of Ross Rowing Club, belongs to Ross Rugby Club and does weightlifting at a local gym might explain why* 19½ *year-old Peter was considered fit enough to go to Moray Sea School! He returned with an assessment of 'Merit' denoting a high standard, a bronze life-saving medallion and a great sense of achievement.*

L.S.A. NEWSLETTER

Our picture (left) shows Sister Townroe receiving a wrist watch and cheque from L.S.A. President Mr. F. Wickstead on her retirement last January. (*Photo: A. Hamblin*)

For those who have still not heard the results of the Christmas draw, here they are: Eric Higgins (Warehouse) won the turkey, Laurence Miller (Design) a box of groceries, Anthony Kibble (TED) a bottle of sherry and Maurice Pask (Purchase) a box of chocolates.

When the time came for him to leave us, LSA member Andrew Brain was unfortunately on the sick list. However, having been with us for 21 years, he insisted on retiring gracefully. So, just before Christmas LSA secretary Henry Phillips brought Andrew by car to the Plant to receive his leaving present—a transistor radio and a cheque—in a manner befitting the occasion.

Our best wishes for their recovery go to Miss Sylvia Powell, who has been in poor health for some time, Wally Vaughan, now back home from hospital, Mrs. Jackie Smith, convalescing after an operation, and Mrs. W. Knapgate who, at the time of going to press, had just been admitted to hospital.

The annual general meeting will be held on May 6, and the date set for the annual dinner is May 17.

Another highlight in the LSA calendar, the annual social, was held last January 27 in the Ballroom and an excellent affair it proved. There were close on 200 people present and they obviously enjoyed the entertainment laid on for them. The Musicmen lived up to their name and delighted everyone with their imitations of the Beatles, Sandie Shaw and other pop personalities, and MC Colin Gosling saw to it that the evening went with a swing.

opinion poll

by John Hankin

In order to ascertain what *you* think about the Company publications distributed at Mitcheldean—*Rank Xerox Gazette* and *Vision*—we conducted, as you know, a readership survey last November, with a view to improving their effectiveness.

To encourage frank and honest comment, we asked you to return the completed questionnaires unsigned.

The response was good: 417 questionnaires were received back—representing about 18.5 per cent. of the total sent out. This can reasonably be assumed to represent a fair cross-section of employees at Mitcheldean, and I should like to thank those 417 who showed sufficient interest to reply to the questions.

The completed questionnaires were analysed and the results of that analysis sent to Headquarters by the end of November.

As was expected, *Vision* was proved most popular—it is, after all, produced specifically for the readership at Mitcheldean, whereas the *Gazette* aims to give general news about the Company, both at home and overseas, in which employees at Mitcheldean should be interested.

At the foot of the questionnaire, constructive criticisms and comments were invited. The most regularly recurring suggestions with regard to the contents of *Vision* were for articles by and about senior staff and others working at the Plant, and for a general facelift for the magazine. These ideas are being pursued at present.

Many respondents complained that they did not regularly receive *Rank Xerox Gazette*, some not at all. Copies of the *Gazette* are received in bulk by Personnel Department, from whom they are collected by departmental heads or their deputies for distribution throughout their departments.

If, therefore, you are not getting a copy of this publication, please advise your departmental head.

In the following results, only questionnaires from those readers who regularly get a copy of the *Gazette* are included in the analysis under that heading:

	VISION %	GAZETTE %
Do you read it—		
regularly?	93	39
sometimes?	6	39
seldom?	—	18
never?	1	4
	100	100
If you do, do you read it—		
thoroughly?	70	17
selectively?	26	44
skim through it?	4	39
	100	100
Do you think it is—		
interesting?	73	17
of some interest?	23	47
of little interest?	4	31
of no interest?	—	5
	100	100
Index of effectiveness	92	63
Contents analysis (breakdown of readership preference)		
Company news (ie up-to-date actual results, future plans and forecasts)	29	35
Social events and activities	26	20
Employees—movements, promotions, retirements, etc.	23	21
Feature articles	22	24
	100	100

Christmas helpings

The children helped to entertain too!

No need to comment on the picture below—it shows clearly enough the enjoyment of the 500 or so children who came to the annual children's party held at the Social Centre at Christmastime.

The recipe for success was the time-honoured one: a good helping of Donald Duck, Tom and Jerry and other cartoons; a good helping of party food, topped off with a piece of baker Meek's miracle cake (a 55 lb. effort depicting snow scenes and edged with trees sporting fairy lights); and a large slice of entertainment, with games and prizes to follow.

Despite the children's appetites, almost half the cake was left, and Sports & Social Club chairman Mr. R. Camp took this along to a Christmas party held at the Junior Training Centre for Mentally Handicapped Children in Cinderford, where it was appreciated 'to the full'!

Christmas and carols are hardly topical now, but we must record the fact that the carol singing within the Plant at Christmastime raised £22 4s. 3d. for the North Gloucestershire Hydrotherapy Unit Appeal Fund which is helping to provide treatment for rheumatic sufferers. Organised by the Ladies' Keep Fit Club, the mixed choir of 25 was rehearsed and conducted by Alan Phelps of Production & Supply Planning. They sang carols in each of the canteens and in the executive dining room—making the eating of the Christmas lunch a happy and helpful occasion.

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Putting you in the picture

R. EVANS

TOP *Mr. and Mrs. D. Bevan.* CENTRE *Mr. and Mrs. G. Weaver.* ABOVE *Mr. and Mrs. A. Baldwin.*

Weddings

Miss Christine Hill (2400 Stores and Stock Control) to Graham Weaver (2400 Assembly) at St. Stephen's Church, Cinderford, on December 9.

Also on December 9 at St. Stephen's—Miss Gail Nicholls (813 Assembly) to Dudley Bevan.

Mrs. Hilda Barnett (First Aid) to Arthur Baldwin at Lydbrook Parish Church on January 6.

Ken Nicholls (Mills, Machine Shop) to Miss Edwina Marshall at the Forest Church on January 20.

Miss Joyce Muir (formerly secretary to the Plant Accountant) to Ken Harvey (formerly Warehouse) at Lea Church on March 2.

Mr. R. S. Harris, Deputy Manager, Advance Planning Department, to Miss Mary Arkell in Gloucester in March.

Miss Hazel Matthews (Print Room) to Gordon Bullock (2400 Dept.) at the Forest Church, Miss Dora Brannan (Purchase) to Gordon Gwilliam at St. Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye, and Miss Barbara Harris (Telex operator) to Clive Pritchard at St. John's Church, Cinderford, all on March 16.

All on March 30—Miss Dawn Harris (Advance Planning) to David Beard (TED) at Lydbrook Church; Miss Mary Williams (Print Room) to Adrian Roberts (Electrical Laboratory) at Littledean Church; Miss Lyn Parsons (Quality Control) to Peter Delaney (apprentice) at St. Stephen's, Cinderford; and Miss Gillian Carpenter (Print Room) to Kenneth Drew, also at St. Stephen's, Cinderford.

Best wishes to. . .

A. Percy Howells (painter), Fred Pugh and Albert J. Meek (both shop labourers) who retired in February, and to George E. V. Smith (shop labourer) and Wilfred Meek (storeman) who retire in March.

W. S. Kempster

We regret to record the death on January 18 at the age of 51 of Bill Kempster (914 Inspection).

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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Major birthdays

Derek Burns (813 Assembly) on February 25.

Royston Meek (apprentice) on March 2.

Stuart Fox (Purchase) on March 17.

They're Engaged

Miss Mary Pugh (Purchase) to Gary Cushen on December 4.

Miss Wendy Smith (Bought Ledger, Accounts) to Graham Smith (2400 Dept.), Miss Carole Hodges (Purchase) to David Robinson (TED), and Miss Veronica Frost (Comps., Accounts) to Mike Wintle—all on Christmas Day.

New arrivals

Paul Andrew, a son for Peter Johnson (Maintenance) and his wife Ann (formerly Plating Shop) on December 4.

Andrew, a son for John Millwater (Design Engineer), on December 9.

Martin Paul, a son for Robert Wright (Design Office), on December 28.

Nicholas, a son for Roger Dymond (Wages), on December 30.

Martin John, a son for John Williams (Maintenance Dept.), on January 6.

A twin a day keeps the doctor. . . . busy!

Time: 11.45 pm on January 18. Anxious father Ewart Lougher (TED) breathes sigh of relief at birth of son Robert. Leaves wife Mavis (she used to work in Purchase) to fetch ambulance as baby weighs only 3 lb. 11 oz. Dashes back home, suspects strain has caused doubel vision. Two identical baby sons! Introduced to David, 4 lb. 3½ oz., who arrived at 12.40 am on January 19, totally unexpected by all concerned.

Ten of the Best

On January 17 ten members of the Cine & Photographic Club enjoyed a short talk on the principles of developing and printing by Ira Griffin, followed by a practical demonstration given by Tony Hamblin. A good crowd turned up for the showing of some 'Ten Best' amateur films on February 7. These were varied and adventurous - a pity that enjoyment of them was marred by the noisy behaviour of some of the youngsters present.

Accelerating . . .

On January 8 yet another Interdepartmental Skittles KO Tournament got under way. This time there are 36 teams entered—the largest number ever, say organisers Des Haines and John Mould (Machine Shop).

. . . Braking

Contrary to rumour, the Motor Club has not been disbanded. Nevertheless, events arranged have not been well supported recently and club officials have felt it a waste of money to make plans.

Topping Bargain

Two white scooter helmets can be yours for the asking. And the person to ask is Mrs. Janet Cook (Factory Progress, Building 29—it used to be Production Control, Project 9).

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Backing Britain 'Brainwave'

Design engineer Clive Brain was watching a film on television about the five typists who started the 'I'm backing Britain' campaign. There they were in the offices of the Colt heating and ventilation firm at Surbiton, Surrey, slaving over a hand-operated Banda copying machine.

Now, thought Clive, if that firm installed a Xerox machine, the time saved in obtaining copies could be put to more productive use, and the girls could back Britain even better.

So Clive got in touch with the Personnel Department and his suggestion that a Xerox salesman be sent immediately to the firm to give a demonstration of our machines was passed directly to head office in London.

Back came this appreciative note from Mr. R. Walker, Director of Marketing Operations: 'I must congratulate you on your quick reaction and thank you for putting the suggestion forward. You may rest assured that I will now pass this to the appropriate marketing people for action. Once again, many thanks for your help.'

Clive thought this might be all he would hear of the matter. However, soon afterwards he was informed that the UK Sales Department had been in touch with the Colt Company who were showing interest in installing a 2400 machine.

Incidentally, Clive is vice-chairman of the office committee representing the Mitcheldean Plant membership of the Draughtsmen & Allied Technicians Association. One of the numerous members of the Brain family who work at our Plant, he is a cousin of Maurice who features in our article on pp. 4/5 of this issue. (Rumours of a take-over bid by the Brains are being strongly denied!).

Keep VISION tidy

Many people have enquired about magazine binders which would keep their issues of VISION in good condition. We have now found some suppliers of a suitable type of binder; it has a dozen wires fixed inside the spine and a magazine issue can be tucked round each wire and so held in place. The binders, made in dark green leathercloth, would cost 11s. each, provided we could guarantee a minimum order of 100. If you want one - or more - please contact the Editor at Tree Tops, Plump Hill, Mitcheldean (or leave a note for her at the Gate House) not later than Monday, March 18.