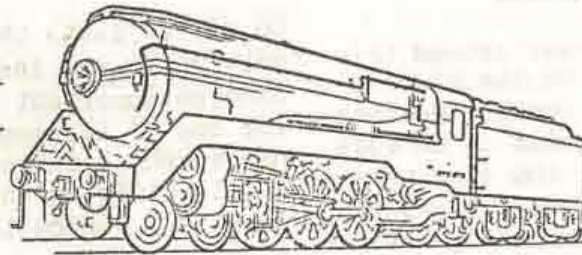


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RAILWAYS FINANCES SHOULD NOT BRAKE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPRESS WAGES

In the past decade efforts have been made to up-date Australian Rail-way systems, and in N.S.W. we know of the change to diesel locos, introduction of double deck carriages, new methods for handling freight and attention paid to containerisation. All of which adds up to big changes resulting from changing transport needs of the nation.

However there is a tremendous amount still to be done before we can claim Australian Railways are a fully efficient modern transport system. It seems obvious huge sums of money will be needed to increase the rate of development to this end. Huge sums on top of the huge sums now owing, on which crippling amounts of interest have to be paid - \$38 millions last year for N.S.W. alone, and this may be doubled in the next ten years. No turnover can stand up to such an impost.

No other transport can adequately replace Railways in passenger conveyance, bulk handling of freight or service in times of national calamity such as drought. And it is an essential service for defence. Equally essential are the men and women who provide such service and because of their importance their right to a standard of living at least equivalent with the national average should not be denied because of out-dated financial systems.

Railway Unions are at the point of opening campaigns on two fronts, aimed at achieving National Government acceptance of responsibility for Railways Interest Bills, and the recognition of the social importance of the work carried on by Railway workers together with improved standards of living for them. The obstacle to this, too, is financial. We want the burden lifted from our industry and from our backs. Stage Coach finance arrangements must go.

EVELEIGH R.S.S.A. AND
EX-SERVICE MEN'S CLUB

Club activities have slowed this month, following on the high level reached last month. However, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20, at the same time, same place, when nominations will be called for a Returning Officer to conduct the elections for your officials for 1972-73; any necessary ballots then being held at the Annual Meeting in July. Nominations for Life Members will also be called for at the next, June 20, meeting.

It was hoped our guest speakers for June 20 would have been the Taxation people but they are unavailable for that night and we have arranged for them to speak at the July meeting.

September 9 has been set for our Bowls Day at Ettalong, subject to confirmation by the Ettalong people before being official.

At our last meeting Mr. Reg. Mayer was delegated to inspect all Honour Rolls Flags with a view to replacing any that are torn.

SICK PARADE: Retired members Bill Melville, Charlie Bevan, Don Fraser and active member Doug Murray of the Large Erecting Shop. Anyone wanting information about these members should contact Les Dyer, Spring Shop.

COMPENSATION WIN FOR A.R.U. MEMBER

On May 10 last, the Australian Railways Union was instrumental in winning an important compensation claim for one of its members, Carmelo Stagnitta, who had been retired whilst still suffering the effects of injury sustained during the course of duty.

The injury to his back occurred during work as a car cleaner and was accepted as a liability by the Department, but on his return to work at these Workshops, on selected duties, he was paid at a lower rate. This was contested and a verdict given in Stagnitta's favour for payment of his injury rate.

Following on this the Department again refused to pay the injury rate, a reason being that Departmental Medical Officers considered his condition was typical for a man his age. The A.R.U. again contested and was again successful in obtaining a verdict favouring Stagnitta. Following on this the Department retired the injured worker, from Aug. 28, 1971.

The final decision again went to Stagnitta when on May 10, Judge Wall awarded him \$20 a week from the date of retirement to continue for the rest of his life, plus hospital and medical treatment. Barrister A. Cory instructed by the A.R.U. solicitors conducted his case. This is another satisfactory verdict demonstrating the value of Unionism to members. Stagnitta would have been lost without the support given by the A.R.U.

M O T O R W A Y

Disc brakes are standard on most of today's cars or if not fitted are available optionally. I think Jaguar gained acceptance of disc brakes in early 1950's through their racing successes.

Although some discs are ventilated, power assisted and with anti-lock-up valves the disc brake is not yet perfected. Life of pads varies from 5,000 to 20,000 miles due to soft pads being used to cut pedal pressure in cars without servo assist. Home mechanics should remember this system requires 500 degrees F boiling point fluid.

Disc brake squeal can be hard to eradicate and C.R.C (S) "Brake Kleen" is intended to clean and help with this problem. However, while it does clean very effectively it has failed to cure squeal in my car's brakes. Even with this I must conclude by stating, despite minor failures, disc brakes offer superior braking from speed, resistance to fade-water, and ease of replacement. —P. J.

BEST WISHES to Lance, "Mick" Doyle our popular Boilermaker/Blacksmith Union Convenor who is now recovering, at home, from an operation.

Latest reports have it he is getting into top condition and will be fighting fit when he comes back towards the end of next week unless the medico prescribes more rest.

OLD MATES COME VISITING

Snowy Edwards was in the Shop last week and appeared in tip top condition, after a very serious illness last year. However there's no truth in the rumour that he may strip again for the Dragons. It's 10 years since Snow retired from boiler busting in the Large and, apart from his illness, he says he has enjoyed every one of them.

Freddy (" ") Gibbeson was another old boilermaking mate who called in last week. It must have been Return to Trade week. Fred retired 3 years ago after a lifetime of Union and Shop Committee activity. He, too, is showing the beneficial effects of leisure.

It's nice to see old mates, there's no doubt the personal ties formed in a lifetime in a workshop do carry on.

SUDDEN DEATH OF ARTHUR YOUNG

Workmates and friends in the Tool Room and Machine Shop were shocked last week when Arthur Young collapsed and died on the job, working in the tool sharpening cage.

He had been a really sick man for a number of years but lately seemed to be improving. Our sympathy to relatives.

COMBINATION OF OFFICIAL AND RANK AND FILE LEADERSHIP FOR INCREMENTS

The campaign for increased increment payments for Railway and Government Bus employees is in the opening stages and it is expected there will be a series of meetings at main workshops and depots next week. The objective of the campaign is to win the following scale of increments in place of the present scale:-

1st year	- £11 a week	3rd year	- £15 a week
2nd year	- £13 a week	4th year	- £17 a week

This scale represents an increase of £10 a week for non-tradesmen and £8.80 a week for tradesmen. This is in line with policy that incremental payments should be based on straight out service, not skill. The figures in this paragraph refer to 4th year increment. The evening up has been approved by all tradesmen's unions.

RANK AND FILE DELEGATES ON CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

This Committee will comprise 8 official Union officers and 8 delegates elected from the following areas:-

Eveleigh Area - 2	Chullora Area (Rail) - 2	Clyde - 1
Newcastle Area - 2	Bus Depots - 1	

The Unions to be officially represented are: A.S.E. - A.E.U.^x - A.R.U. - V.B.U. - B.W.I.U. - E.T.U. - A.F.U.L.E. - Bus Union. xAmalgamated Union.

The functions of this Committee will be in relation to finance and publicity. It is not yet clear whether it will decide on stoppages.

According to A.R.U. State Secretary, J. Maddox, this Committee will be endorsed by Labor Council this week.

Speakers notes are being prepared emphasising main arguments in favour of our claim and list of speakers has been prepared for the following meetings: Eveleigh Area: Loco Shops Noel Cox, A.F.U.L.E - Carriage Shops, R. Rhymes, A.E.U. - Elec Car and Water Supply T. Mawdesley, B.W. I.U. - Chullora Per Way Shops 1 & 2, E. Mitchell E.T.U. - Loco Chullora 4 Shops, F. Mossfield A.S.E. - Delec Enfield, B. Unsworth, Labor Ccl. - Clyde Wagon Works, L. Hamer, V.B.U. - Bus Depots P. Ryan.

These meetings will really open the campaign.

FOR THE INCREASES CAMPAIGN = \$1-00 A PAY LEVY

One of the most important decisions approved by Labor Council is the \$1-00 a pay levy to establish a Fighting Fund. Labor Council is instructing all Unions that all members in the Railways and Bus industry will be expected to pay this levy.

Levy lists are now being prepared and will be issued through the respective Unions to job delegates. The money collected will be used to finance strategic withdrawals of labor, which is part of the actions to be undertaken.

PETITION ON COMMONWEALTH TAKE-OVER OF INDEBTEDNESS

The related section of the campaign, the drive to have the Federal Government assume responsibility for Railways finances is being developed at present around a petition for presentation to Parliament which is being sponsored by the following signatories:-

D. Burton, Secretary, Salaried Officers Assoc.-B. Willingale, Secretary, N.S.W. A.F.U.L.E.- R. Bailey, President, N.S.W. A.R.U.
- J. Maddox, Secretary, N.S.W. A.R.U.- R. Taylor, Federal Secretary, A.R.U. - M. Malcolm, State Secretary, A.M.W.U.

When the petition is completed it is to be presented to the A.L.P., possibly to the leader of the Opposition, for presentation to Federal Parliament. In addition to the petition, and while signatures are being obtained each Workshop Committee should address a letter on the matter to each member of Parliament.

LABOR COUNCIL CO-OPERATING WITH LEICHHARDT COUNCIL ON SEMINAR

The Labor Council and Leichhardt Municipal Council are co-operating in arranging a Seminar for discussion of the problems of Railways Transport in the present period. Delegates are expected from many different bodies. Proposed dates are July 14 and 15.

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JACK WONSON RETIRES Jack Wonson was honoured by a gathering of workmates and friends in the Millwrights Section last week when he retired from the service. During his time in these Shops Jack had been a delegate for the Federated Ironworkers Association and then, in latter years for the A.R.U. The gathering was an indication of his popularity and the presentation was a cash token of appreciation.

SHOP BOYS PLACING THEMSELVES IN DANGER - MANAGERIAL CONCERN

The management has expressed serious concern that unauthorised movements of shop boys employed in various sections of the workshops and consequent actions, have not only caused damage to departmental property by unauthorised use of plant and equipment but, more importantly, have placed them in situations which could have resulted in serious injury or death through lack of knowledge and irresponsible actions.

In a statement to Eveleigh News the Manager said, "Lads not familiar with the Workshops generally can be exposed to serious or even fatal injuries by coming into contact with high tension wires, dangerous machinery or poisonous compounds and for this reason, no juniors should under any circumstances leave their own Shops unless on departmental business and directed to do so by their controlling officer."

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EVELEIGH GARDEN CLUB Our Annual Meeting was held last month and all officers and committeemen were re-elected, with the exception of J. Wonson who announced his retirement, since become effective. The meeting expressed appreciation to Jack for assistance he rendered to activities. Best wishes for happy retirement were extended to Jack and his wife.

The financial report showed the Club to be in a sound position due to activities of advantage to members.

The damp cold weather may have turned garden beds sour and to counter this the soil surface should be broken by consistent light cultivation, which also helps to discourage weed growth. A little lime or dolomite will help sweeten the soil. It will soon be time to fertilise citrus trees using prepared fertiliser and animal manures. Oranges and grapefruit will be sweetened by a good frost and picking should be delayed until this occurs. Lemons may be picked when half yellow and stored in a dark cupboard for several weeks. You'll find this will result in skins being much thinner and juice sweeter.

Prune roses from end of June into July. Feed them at end of July or early August. Don't cut red water shoots back too hard when pruning. They shoot from the base of the plant.

Secretary Bill Eades says some subscriptions are still unpaid. Will these forgetful members make him happy by paying up. -L.R.

EVELEIGH LOCO & WATER SUPPLY PICNIC COMMITTEE - 1971 BALANCE SHEET

<u>I N C O M E</u>	<u>£ c.</u>	<u>E X P E N D I T U R E</u>	<u>£ c.</u>
Bank balances b/f:	1448 31	Luna Park Grounds, etc:	1115 82
Cash in hand b/f:	2 00	Jim Gallagher, Sweets:	462 50
Sale of tickets:	1815 70	Dairy Farmers, Ice Cream:	181 47
Cash donations:	30 50	N. Edgan, Milk Vendor:	101 01
Competitions:	240 64	Schweppes Ltd. Drinks:	54 80
Bank Interest:	54 65	Julius Hansen. Cartons:	3 90
		Secretary's Petty Cash:	41 00
		Bowls trophies:	20 00
Total:	<u>£3591 80</u>	Eveleigh Band, expenses:	20 00
<u>AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE</u>		Stamps & Stationery	49 44
We, the undersigned, have audit-		Mrs. Dunnett (by resolution)	10 00
-ed the books of the N.S.W. Rail-		Printing	8 00
ways Mechanical Branch Employ-		Incidental expenses	46 50
ees' Picnic Fund and from these		Refunds on picnic tickets	4 90
books, receipts, papers and in-		Balance at Bank	<u>1472 46</u>
formation given find the In-			
come and expenditure correct in		Total:	<u>£3591 80</u>
every detail.			

(Sgd.) L. Gouttman, R. Avis.

NOMINATIONS FOR PICNIC COMMITTEE POSITIONS, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committeemen, for the 1972 Picnic Committee must be handed to Secretary, C. G. Dunnett, 11 Bay, Machine Shop, by 9 a.m., Wednesday, June 15.

A GENERAL MEETING OF EMPLOYEES in these Workshops is called for 12 noon on Wednesday, June 15, 1972, in Ambulance Square. Business of the meeting will be presentation of Balance Sheet and election of Officers and Committee to carry out arrangements for the 1972 Picnic.

C. ARNOLD,
PRESIDENT.

M. HAZELTON,
TREASURER.

C.G. DUNNETT,
SECRETARY.

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S H O P

FOR SALE: Kitchen setting, laminex table, 4 chairs. Good condition £25.
Single bed, inner spring mattress. Almost new. £15.
Eumig Mark O.L. Projector, 8 mm. Super 8.

WANTED Workshop Manual 1962 Vauxhall Victor. Baby's High Chair.
INTERESTED? Then see Fred Savill, Jig Room, 8 Bay for details.
Items for next issue must be in by June 30.

THREE SICK PAY RATES NOW.

There are now three different scales of sick pay operating in relation to new employees.

The first provides for a qualifying period of 3 months on completion of which a new employee is entitled to clear sick pay at the rate of 1 day for each 52 days worked from the day he began and up to the end of the calendar year in which he completes this qualifying period. This means if he started on 1:11:71 he would be entitled to this scale up to December 31, 1972. He would then go on to 8 days full pay at January 1, 1973, plus 160 hours half pay.

However, should he have started on January 2, 1972 he would be entitled to 1 day for every 52 worked up to December 31, 1972 but at January 1, 1973 he would be credited with only 5 days full pay, plus 160 hours half pay.

The reason for this being he will not complete his first calendar year of service at the end of 1972 so does not become entitled to the sick pay classification of being in his second calendar year of service. He remains on the old scale, prior to the 8 days, until January 1, 1974.

We wonder who thinks these things out.

EDITOR, S. Jones.

CONDOLENCES

We extend to Wal. Goodger of the Tool Room staff our sincere sympathy in the sudden death of his wife, during last month.

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CHILDREN ON PASSES

We remind fellow-employees that children may be included on the "Special" Privilege Passes issued during long service leave clearance.

It was realised, following on an enquiry last week that men may be overlooking this.

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AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTION FORMS

Some men have been worried about forms sent them through the post by Central District Ambulance. These informed wage deduction subscribers about new increased subscriptions and about the benefits of making an annual subscription.

On enquiry at the Manager's office we were informed there was no need to answer these letters unless the man concerned wanted to change to an annual subscription. In which case he should also inform the timekeeper.

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ANOTHER SALARIED RETIREMENT We have it on good authority that our L.E.S. Supervisor, Jack McAllister is retiring early next month.

GRADE OR CALLING	WEEKLY RATE p c.	HOURLY RATES INCLUDING INCREMENTS			
		1st Year cents.	2nd Year cents	3rd Year cents	4th Year cents
Ironrack Attendant:	51 30	140.125	141.375	142.625	145.75
Workshop Laborer:	49 20	139.5	139.5	139.5	140.5
Laborer:	47 00	139.5	139.5	139.5	139.5
Laborer with crane, shunting, loading/unloading materials; Laborer, Foundry stage (not charging furnace):	49 30	139.5	139.5	139.5	140.75
Magnesia worker/lagger:	49 70	139.5	139.5	139.5	141.75
Metal Polisher:	51 60	140.875	142.125	143.375	146.5
Moulder's Assistant:	52 00	141.875	143.125	144.375	147.5
Orderman:	52 10	142.125	143.375	144.625	147.75
Oxy-Acetylene cutter, condemn- ned boilers & fireboxes:	52 00	141.875	143.125	144.375	147.5
Painter I&S, spray or brush:	54 50	148.125	149.375	150.625	153.75
Plumber's Asst. loco work:	53 50	145.625	146.875	148.125	151.25
Plumbers, Gasfitter's Asst:	52 10	142.125	143.375	144.625	147.75
Potash Tank Attendant and any W.S. Laborer operating a Kerrick spray on wheels; etc:	51 80	141.375	142.625	143.875	147.00
Potash Att. fire attend to stationary boiler or boilers:	51 20	139.875	141.125	142.375	145.5
Put. tank Attend. Assistant:	52 00	141.875	143.125	144.375	147.5
Progressman (Chaser):	49 30	139.5	139.5	139.5	140.75
Shot/sand blast operator pro- -tected properly encl cabinet:	54 50	148.125	149.375	150.625	153.75
Foundry	52 60	143.375	144.625	145.875	149.00
Elsewhere	52 50	143.125	144.375	145.625	148.75
Foundry	56 90	154.125	155.375	156.625	159.75
Elsewhere	56 20	152.375	153.625	154.875	158.00
Spark Arrester Laker:	54 10	147.125	148.375	149.625	152.75
Springsmith's Assistant:	52 90	144.125	145.375	146.625	149.75
Striker Single fire	52 20	142.375	143.625	144.875	148.00
Double fire	53 00	144.375	145.625	146.875	150.00
Pool Storeman Workshops:	52 90	144.125	145.375	146.625	149.75
Welder Tradesman's Assist:	52 50	143.125	144.375	145.625	148.75
wheel tyrer oil plant:	53 70	146.125	147.375	148.625	151.75
Wheel tyrer elec/gas plant:	52 40	142.875	144.125	145.375	148.5
Wheel tyrer's assistant:	50 80	139.5	140.125	141.375	144.5
White Metal Worker:	52 00	141.875	143.125	144.375	147.5
Wire & Hempen Rope Splicer dual or wire only:	54 50	148.125	149.375	150.625	153.75
Classes 2 -1st year Thereafter until competent to work without supervision:	57 80	156.375	157.625	158.875	162.00
Class 1 competent to train:	63 40	170.375	171.625	172.875	176.00
Wireworker	53 40	145.375	146.625	147.875	151.00
Class 1	52 00	141.875	143.125	144.375	147.5
Class 2	73 10	195.25	199.00	200.875	203.25
Spray Painter/Coach Painter	57 10	154.625	155.875	157.125	160.25
Machinist:	52 80	142.375	143.625	144.875	148.00
Painter's Laborer (Others)	53 40	145.375	146.625	147.875	151.00
Paint. Lab. Following up:	73 20	195.5	199.25	201.125	203.5
Word machinist "A" grade:	55 00	149.375	150.625	151.875	155.00
"B" grade	55 00	149.375	150.625	151.875	155.00
Saw Doctor:	76 30	203.25	207.00	208.875	211.25
Circ. saw & re-cutt bandsaw:	80 40	213.5	217.25	219.125	221.5
Puller-Out:	51 20	139.875	141.125	142.375	145.5
Laborer in sawmill:	50 00	139.5	139.5	139.5	142.5
Attendant Air Compressor:	61 80	166.375	167.625	168.875	172.00
Class 1	58 20	157.375	158.625	159.875	163.00
Class 2	57 10	154.625	155.875	157.125	160.25
electric driver 1 compressor:	54 10	147.125	148.375	149.625	152.75
Driver ground traverser	54 10	147.125	148.375	149.625	152.75

To be continued next issue. Foundry classifications are subject to addition of the Foundry allowance.

SELECTION OF WAGE RATES APPLYING FROM 21.5.72.

GRADE OR CALLING	APPROVED WEEKLY RATE		HOURLY RATES INCLUDING		INCREMENTALS	
	\$	c.	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
			cents	cents	cents	cents.
Filter, Turner, B' mkr,	74	30	198.25	202	203.875	206.25
Brassfinisher, Moulder:	78	90	209.75	213.5	215.375	217.75
Pattemmaker:	79	00	210.00	213.75	215.625	218.00
Toolmaker:	75	70	201.75	205.5	207.375	209.75
Filter-Marker off:	74	30	198.25	202	203.875	206.25
Mechinist 1st class:	58	70	158.625	159.875	161.125	164.25
Mechinist 2nd class:	60	80	163.875	165.125	166.375	169.5
Machinist-piano grinder:	54	10	147.125	148.375	149.625	152.75
Machinist 3rd class:	78	30	208.25	212.00	213.875	216.25
Forger, Faggoter:	76	00	202.5	206.25	208.125	210.5
Toolsmith:	74	70	199.25	203.00	204.875	207.25
Blacksmith:	74	70	199.25	203.00	204.875	207.25
Toolsmith heat treating						
tools(made toolmakers)						
pyrometer furnaces:	76	80	204.5	208.25	210.125	212.5
Coppersmith:	74	70	199.25	203.00	204.875	207.25
Forge furnaceman:	64	30	172.625	173.875	175.125	178.25
Drop Hammer Smith:	74	70	199.25	203.00	204.875	207.25
Forge machinist 3" ajax:	74	70	199.25	203.00	204.875	207.25
Springsmith, Oliver Smith:	74	70	199.25	203.00	204.875	207.25
B smiths machinist:	54	10	147.125	148.375	149.625	152.75
Welder 1st class:	76	40	203.5	207.25	209.125	211.5
Welder 2nd class:	55	00	149.375	150.625	151.875	155.00
Welder 3rd class:	52	90	144.125	145.375	146.625	149.75
Jobbing Moulder:	74	30	198.25	202.00	203.875	206.25
Jobbing Coremaker:	74	30	198.25	202.00	203.875	206.25
Mach. Moulder/Coremaker:	59	80	161.375	162.625	163.875	167.00
Sheet Met. Worker 1st cl:	74	30	198.25	202.00	203.875	206.25
Sheet Met. Worker 2nd cl:	60	00	161.875	163.125	164.375	167.5
Angle Iron Smith:	76	00	202.5	206.25	208.125	210.5
Boilermaker when working						
Fire boxes or using oxy						
removing superheat. tubes	76	00	202.5	206.25	208.125	210.5
B/m marker-off:	75	70	201.75	205.5	207.375	209.75
Angle Iron Smith Assst:	52	90	144.125	145.375	146.625	149.75
Belt Repairer & Oiler:	52	40	142.875	144.125	145.375	148.5
Boilermaker's Helper:	52	50	143.125	144.375	145.625	148.75
B.W.H. on holding up on						
boilers or related work:	54	80	148.875	150.125	151.375	154.5
Brick Arch Builder:	54	50	148.125	149.375	150.625	153.75
Br. Arch Build. Assst:	51	00	139.5	140.625	141.875	145
Carbon Burner:	52	40	142.875	144.125	145.375	148.5
Coppersmith's Assst:	52	50	143.125	144.375	145.625	148.75
Crane Attendant:	53	80	146.375	147.625	148.875	152.00
Dresser Foundry:	53	10	144.625	145.875	147.125	150.25
Dresser P. M.:	54	30	147.625	148.875	150.125	153.25
Emery Wheel Attendant:	52	40	142.875	144.125	145.375	148.5
Filter or Turner's Assst:	52	50	143.125	144.375	145.625	148.75
Forger's Assst:	52	40	142.875	144.125	145.375	148.5
Furnaceman cupola, case						
hardening, steel convert:	58	30	157.625	158.875	160.125	163.25
Furnaceman ajax frg:	57	00	154.375	155.625	156.875	160.00
Furnaceman, other, not						
frge, small rivet, etc:	56	00	151.875	153.125	154.375	157.5
Attend. small rivet fur-						
nage, fire or similar:	52	00	141.875	143.125	144.375	147.5
Furnaceman's Asst,						
case hardening:	52	00	141.875	143.125	144.375	147.5
Hydraulic Press operator						
(a) over 200 tons press:	53	40	145.375	146.625	147.875	151.00
(b) 200 and under:	51	60	140.875	142.125	143.375	146.5
Indust. Truck Dr. Class 1	55	40	145.375	146.625	147.875	151.00
Indust. Truck Dr. Class 2	52	00	141.875	143.125	144.375	147.5

Minimum adult wage \$55.80 a week - 139.5 cents per hour. This is \$4 a week higher than the outside minimum wage due to the \$4 all round that was won in the Wage Increase campaign some years ago.