

ALC/R29

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Charles - in charge of getting history ready for exhibits at Wolverton

Ann- P. officer 'Place bred intolerance – 'people were.

Unions called chapels started off as meth meetings often in chapels Unions grew up from guilds very strong and had establishments in the BC. And 100% union.

So and NGA. The letter started from a Friendly Society. Had to leave TUC when the conservatives were bringing in pay and wage agreement.

Family Co. went public 15yrs ago (see leaflet) Bought up Companies; centralised bid of pubs.

The works here resists change. Union demark who did what, lots of restrictive practice on the shop floor.

Resistance to change—we tried that 10yrs ago! We've always done it this way!

Next 5 years are in fact critical The print much hit by slump- if dependant on local business they would not be in business. Only handle long runs 100,00 – In business because they do a lot of Gov pubs. And nat. materials; envelopes partic. generally lot imprinted. Used to do railway material- Man employed 2days by McC. 3 days by railway.

Badly need to expand. Overcrowded shop Dev Corporation did not want them exp. In Wolverton should prefer to go onto ind. Estate The Co argued against it these men wouldn't come if we moved 300yds down the road. The do not now have the cash for exp. Many dep. On being part of a larger co. That and the work for the Gov. and Nat. Ind. Much of our printing is done abroad and colour supplements. Because the print is so backward. Need computer type set up. Other cold type setting methods. At present. In Manchester the works have a computer for a year and tried to see if the unions will accept it. No one talks about the new factory—When we get new factory. But have doubts all kind of things will change when they move. Staff/ shop floor differentials. Man well paid £60 £70. Bonus system. (about equal opportunities system employ women).

The engineer shop – old too expensive now to modernise it.

If decision right now con be! Ask men shop floor who they would vote for next time who voted last time with taxes etc. they are worse off then 5yrs ago

Legacy of paternalism. The co did look after you Still inls. House ridiculous rents can't believe they would be laid off. Part of this resistance to change and insular attitude to the rest of commerce, of course, attitude has changed. Paternalism no longer there.

In old days treated workers very well—some even more benefits then the railway.-pensions and so on. Old workers still wander in -1st and 3rd weeks pensioners club in canteen. Some come in at lunch time (see Len Squire – Charles will set up) wander in for help with forms and so on.

Ted helped do a survey for MKBC , before coming to McCorquodales said went in houses with huge ? Boasted made in the works. Smuggled out in pieces . Also upholstered furniture .

McC some old crafts being lost still have ladies who can hand make envelopes(in demand for some Gov. stationery.) Gold lettering and marbling and letter work is going too exp. Have super old press with eagle on it and leather working tools. Have a set of photos can arrange to photocopy when we visit.
Refreshment rooms- had there own pig sty made own pork pies.
Allotments

DMU – Diesel multiple units.

1976- Building new stuff again Po travelling v4ehicles Royal coaches.

1974- New Management

Main line through middle Wolverton.

Westlyan Chapel sewing work

1962- Tranfer' men said had it done on em