

\$3 MILLION BOOST

ATED 's order book for the SSE test equipment supporting the A-7 head-up display recently received a satisfying \$3 million boost with a US Navy order for five more sets and associated spares.

The division really has the bit between its teeth now on deliveries. They pushed two more SSEs out in the same week in which they dispatched the third Nimrod ATE. The accompanying picture was taken just before the equipment was dismantled for shipping.

This was the biggest delivery so far, consisting of about 80 packages, but they found a single lorry big enough to hold them all. Chris Scott should be back with us by the end of the month after seeing the system installed in its RAF servicing base.

Meanwhile, Bernard Dodge is looking

after the first Nimrod ATE at Kinloss in Scotland, and Nigel Puckeridge is based with the second at St. Mawgan in Cornwall. Keith Washington has moved down from Kinloss to help Nigel in the early stages at St. Mawgan.

Colin Harley and Brian Camp will provide the field support for the third system. Bernard Dodge isn't actually wearing the kilt yet, but he and his family have taken a liking to Scotland. Chris Scott, of course, has now given up Scottish shandy and Cornish barrel beer. We hear that stewed octopus is the "in" thing!



This rather determined group guarding the third Nimrod ATE before delivery is mainly "hardware" people. Most of the "software" people, responsible for programming the system, stood modestly on the left and missed the picture. In front are, l to r, "Jim" Glover, Chris Scott (project leader), Ted Doust, Peter Franklin and Allen Burcombe. Grouped behind are, mainly left to right, Mel West, Derick Grimes, Ken Reed, Norman Martin, Jack Keets, Peter Cort, Brian Camp, Dave Edwards, Barry Robinson, Clive Cornall (project manager) and Flt. Sgt. John Roberts (RAF).
Picture by Peter Tromp.

THE NEXT MISS ELLIOTT

THE search for MISS ELLIOTT is on again. The contest will be held at the Annual Fete on July 10 and will undoubtedly be the highlight of the afternoon. The lucky winner will receive £10 and there will be other prizes for the runners-up. All entry forms should be submitted to the Social Club's Secretary by Wednesday, July 7.

Incidentally, the Fete is held in the Elliott Sports Ground in Featherby Road, and opens at 2.00 p.m.

Another major feature will be the Dog Show. This contest was introduced for the first time last year, and the organisers were rather overwhelmed at the number of entries which were submitted. The fact that there will be four additional judges this year gives an indication of its success.

A weekend for two in Majorca is the exciting first prize in the raffle, for which tickets will be sold during the afternoon. There will be other valuable prizes.

Free transport will be provided from Chatham Town Hall, Dock Road, from 1.30 p.m. onwards. For those coming from the Maidstone area, a 56 seater bus will be leaving the Sessions House, Maidstone, at about 1.30 p.m. and returning at approximately 7.00 p.m.

A FUNNY THING'S HAPPENING

A touch of satire, a pinch of spice, but mainly an evening of laughter is the objective of the Elliott Dramatic Society's forthcoming laughter review, the first show of the 1971 season.

So come along, bring the family; the show will be staged on the last three evenings in July in the main canteen.



VAD DEPARTURE

WE are losing two good friends. Richard Kimball and Ivan Holt, two of our Vought Aeronautics Company customer "plant representatives" are on their way back to Texas, leaving Ben George to hold the fort alone. Richard flew back on June 24 and Ivan is leaving later this month. Both have been with EFA for about three years.

We almost lost count of the farewell formalities, but the pictures here show the farewell champagne toast drunk in the ADD production area on June 17. David Evers, Production Manager, and Richard Kimball are standing by the splendid Corsair Trophy, which will now be competed for in ADD. Below, Kimball and Evers deal efficiently with non-optical glassware.

Picture by Peter Tromp.

WORDS IN BRIEF

WHICH is the Medway Towns' pub with the biggest IQ?

A candidate most certainly will be the Tiger Moth, opposite Rochester Airport.

At lunch-time particularly there are plenty of boffins from Elliott Automation over the way often talking a language of their own, possibly avionic!

They are joined by the brains from Medway Technical College at Fort Horsted just down the road.

And who runs this intellectual hostelry?

None other than a Mrs. Ethel — Wise!

This story appeared in the Evening Post of June 7: a certain project manager has observed that the salesmen go to the George



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THIS IS TEXAS

IT is rather disappointing to think that parts of Texas look quite like Bluebell Hill (before the road "improvement"), but this picture is genuine Texas. Making like cowboys astride genuine Texas hayburners are, right to left, Robin Sleight, ex-ADD Dallas Manager of EA Industrial Corporation, with his son David on board, Liz Machin, Jim Machin's wife, Roger Mayhew of ATED and visiting Marconi man Peter Herbert. Jim Machin took the picture on horseback!

FARL TRIES SOMETHING NEW

EVER inventive, FARL broke new ground in divisional entertainment on June 12, by holding a very successful barbecue. They tried this, because it seemed to suit the small group of people in the division.

Now, organiser Don Freeman thinks he has enough know-how, plus a specially made large-capacity barbecue stand, to provide a service for other barbecue organisers.

The FARL party was held in Priestfields, in the house rented by Mike Smith and Graham Bodley. Ray Dennis and Trevor Morgon did the cooking. Everyone had a large steak meal with sausage, salad and so on and choice of wine, beer or cider for £1 per head. The rain held off and the homebrew tasted good. What more can one want?

ATED did their bit of innovating on June 24 when they held a square-dancing evening in the Featherby Road club house.

SEAGAS DAY

JULY 12 is D-day for conversion of the whole Rochester factory site to North Sea Gas. On that day, Gas Board engineers will isolate supply pipes, purge them through special vents distributed about the factory area and then begin feeding natural North Sea gas into the system.

Gas is used in many parts of the factory, but most noticeably to most of us in the canteen. At the time of going to press, effects on the canteen were not known for certain, but a cold salad lunch on July 12 at least seems pretty certain.

THE SHOW WENT ON

THE working displays on the Marconi-Elliott stand at Paris were a constant attraction to visitors, including a daily conducted visit from groups of Russians.

Among the British distinguished visitors was the Rt. Hon. Frederick Corfield, Minister of Aerospace, Department of Trade and Industry. The picture below shows him learning about the A-7 head-up display from Peter Hearne, EFA Joint General Manager.

It is well known that equipment nearly always fails to work at exhibitions, and it was something of an achievement that the three EFA displays kept working successfully from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. for ten days.

The A-7 display worked flawlessly throughout. The Jaguar projection map was only halted for a short while by a power supply problem.

The head-down television display, which included a tape reader, video tape recorder and television camera, was an FARL demonstration rig and not production equipment. Yet it behaved perfectly, even after yards and yards of paper tape program unrolled all over the stand one morning.



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INTER - DIVISIONAL SPORTS MEETING

THE appalling weather of the previous week held off for long enough on June 19 to allow the Elliott inter-divisional sports to be held in comfort.

It was a good meeting and an intense competition developed between ADD and ISD. With the last half dozen events to come, they were roughly level. The outcome eventually hung on the scores in the ladies relay and the ladies long jump, and it was the winning performance of the Misses Attwood and Ashdown which pulled ADD into a two-point lead and final victory.

This breaks a long series of wins by AEID (now in ISD).

The EFA team came fourth, with 21 of its 32 points gained by Katherine Alexander, Mr. W.H. Alexander's daughter. He himself once again was the official starter.

The individual victor ludorum trophy was won by Len Martin (ISD) with 23 points, gained by winning four events and coming second in another.

Full divisional results are given in the table at the far right. Individual results have been recorded by assistant editor Lucy Jones.



Above, the schoolboys putting on the pressure during their 3,000 metres race. Below, Len Troost (ACD) shows signs of strain as he puts his weight behind the shot.

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ELLIOTT SPORTS RESULTS

1st	ADD	52 points
2nd	ISD	50 points
3rd	Fisher	34 points
4th	EFA	32 points
5th	IND	29 points
6th	ACD	18 points
7th	AS&RD	11 points
8th	FCD	6 points
9th	ATED	1 point



Picture by Peter Tromp

ADD's winning sports team included, standing left to right, Len Murphy, Charlie Atkins and Steve Farley. They were outnumbered by the girls, left to right, Len Murphy's daughter Taryn, Susan Attwood, Susan Ashdown and Wendy Beer.

ATHLETICS NEXT MONTH

Elliott Athletic Club will be competing in the following events during the coming month.

JULY 3

Kent League meeting for boys, youths, juniors and seniors at Featherby Road.

JULY 10

Children's races at the Elliott Fete, Featherby Road.

JULY 24

Interclub match at Ditton corner, Aylesford

Further details from Len Murphy, ADD, on internal 361.