

Chelmsford

IT WAS A triumph for the home team to win cups for two separate events and the John Rogers Shield for the aggregate fastest time for all events in the Inter-Works Fire Brigade Competitions.

Nine teams from English Electric Group works at St. Albans, Liverpool, Preston, Stafford, Accrington, Acton, Rugby, Luton and Bradford came to Chelmsford to take part in the sixth annual competition since the late Mr. John Rogers, Works Manager of Stafford, presented his shield. There are eight separate events, each based on a useful practical drill for a factory fire brigade, and together they test the fighting efficiency of a brigade as a whole to deal with an emergency call-out.

Hydrant drill, with teams of one, two and four men represent work from a town main or factory hydrant, while the motor pump drills, with five or six men, are action against major fires, working from open water or hydrants with a number of branches and jets.

It was exciting to watch the times go-

A decisive moment for the Chelmsford team, when all four jets struck the targets in the final Heavy Pump drill, to record the fastest time of the day

The Stafford team get to work from the cart in the National Hose-cart Drill. Stafford's teams were our strongest challengers and were runners-up for the aggregate shield

Accrington teams won two individual cups. This is the Light Trailer Pump crew at the start of their drill, rigging the suction hoses from the pump to the water tank

The Chelmsford team, who won the National Trailer Pump event in record time, connect up the suction and run out the hoses in the second part of this drill

team strikes the target

ing up on the board as events progressed. It was not until after the fifth that we found ourselves in a strong position. Our five men did their National Trailer Pump Drill, Event 6, in record time and then after the first heavy pump drill we had a lead of 3.3 seconds over Stafford, our strongest opponents. Our drill in the last event was clean and slick and the fast time built up our lead. There were anxious minutes waiting for Stafford, the last team to run, then tense moments as they made a quick and gallant run, quick, but not quick enough, and our final aggregate time was 11.9 seconds ahead of Stafford.

Our aggregate time of 234.3 seconds is 22.7 seconds faster than Luton's time last year, and the fastest time yet in all six annual competitions.

It was a fine afternoon's competition with jousting teams drawn up in readiness beneath the fluttering pennants of their Tudor style tents, just one of the touches of artistry by the hard-working organisers whom we would all like to

The close watch by cheery timekeepers. Left to right, Fireman Pheasant, Essex County F.S., Chief Officer S. Piper of Crompton Parkinson's, and Ldg. Fireman Davey, E.C.F.S.



Allan Munday, left, Chelmsford's pump man, in the Heavy Pump events. He controls the supply to the jets. Right, first target down by Jan Frewer of Chelmsford in the dividing breeching drill. He and Reg Richards had to strike two more targets in the second part





thank, with the judges and timekeepers from the Essex County Fire Service.

Event Winners

Event 1. One Man Hydrant Drill for Liverpool Cup—Luton 27.8 secs. 2. National Hose-cart Drill for Marconi Cup—Preston 26.5 secs. 3. Four Man Dressing and Hydrant Drill for Napier Cup—Stafford 38.3 secs. 4. Two Man Hydrant Drill for Marconi Instruments Cup—Accrington 16.8 secs. 5. Light Trailer Pump Drill for Bradford Cup—Stafford 23 secs. 6. National Trailer Pump Drill for Rugby Cup—Chelmsford 42.6 secs. 7. Heavy Pump Drill for Preston Cup—Accrington 35.9 secs. 8. Heavy Pump Drill for Stafford Cup—Chelmsford 39.4 secs.



In the Hose-cart drill, Chief Officer W. H. Richards, St. Albans, spurs on Fm. L. Windmill, Ldg./Fm. J. Balding, Sub-Officer L. Harrington and Ldg./Fm. R. Cross

St. Albans got the hose out in 18 seconds in the Light Trailer Pump drill but it was a full minute before the branch was connected

St. Albans spring into action in the dressing drill. Left to right, Ldg./Fm. R. Cross, Fm. R. Windmill, Sub-Officer L. Harrington, and Fm. L. Windmill

On target, in the window drill for St. Albans, Firemen R. and L. Windmill, Ldg./Fm. J. Balding and Fm. K. Hucklesby



R. Sargent, Master of the Arena, with H. J. McCarthy, our Chief Fire Officer, Div. Off. A. M. Harrison, E.C.F.S., senior judge, and S. F. Slevin, Competitions Secretary





First man of the Acton team through the window in the Heavy Pump drill. His teammate kneels in front of the window as a human spring-board for all the jet men



Stafford's Heavy Pump man anxiously watches the water speeding along the hoses to the jets still being connected, hoping that his team will beat Chelmsford's time

Looking at historic exhibits were Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Sutherland and the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford, who watched the afternoon's competitions with keen interest

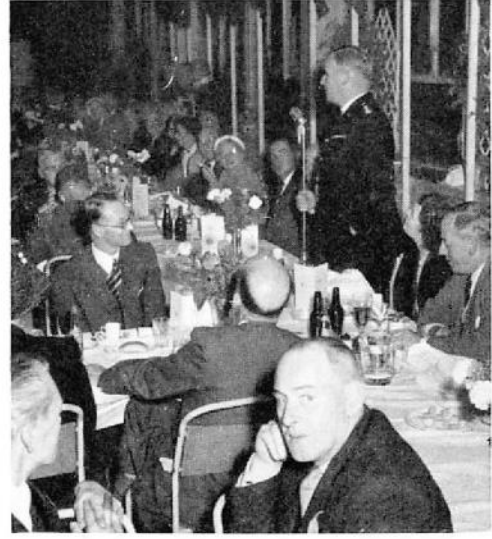


A clean-cut finish to Preston's winning Hose-cart drill. In this drill Liverpool and St. Albans tied for second place, only seven tenths of a second behind the winners





Our Chief Fire Officer, H. J. McCarthy, receives the John Rogers Shield, for the fastest aggregate time, from Mrs. F. N. Sutherland, wife of our General Manager



There was a grand dinner after the competitions, in honour of the teams and distinguished guests from the Group. Speaking is Chief Fire Officer of Essex W. J. Benton

Winning smiles from the Chelmsford team. Left to right, back row: Jan Frewer, Trevor Thorpe, Reg Richards, Second Officer W. J. Munday, Chief Officer H. J. McCarthy, Third Officer C. Hawkes, Dick Butcher, Bill Pain. Front row: Allan Munday, Tom Hull, Percy Holland, Bill Nurse. In the foreground are the Stafford Cup, the John Rogers Shield and the Rugby Cup

