

FAREWELL TO DOCKS MONEY MAN

A CAREER of almost 45 years at Lynn docks ended last week for Mr Edward Burton, of West View, Lynn Road, West Winch, when he retired as accountant for Lynn and Lowestoft Docks and the Docks Board Staff College at Lynn.

Mr Burton began with the old Lynn Docks and Railway Company as secretary to the manager, Mr Ivan J. Thatcher, in June, 1930. There was only a small staff, and he helped the accountant, in whose office he had a desk.

That experience aroused his interest in accountancy work, to which he later devoted his time.

After RAF service from 1940 to 1945 Mr Burton returned to Lynn docks as assistant accountant and assistant secretary. He became involved in the winding up of the old Lynn Docks and Railway Com-

pany when it was absorbed into the British Transport Commission. One of his first postwar jobs was to sort out docks war damage claims.

In June, 1949 Mr Burton was appointed accountant. In January, 1963, he became accountant to Lowestoft docks as well. And in 1965, when the staff college was opened, he became responsible for all

its accountancy.

Mr Burton was the first secretary of the Docks Social Club, formed just after the war. He is treasurer of the West Anglian Management Association and of the St John Ambulance Association.

Born at Lynn, he played football for St James' Boys' School and Lynn Schoolboys.

Another sporting interest is cricket. For some years he played for Lynn Docks in the now defunct Lynn Business Houses Cricket League.

Mr Burton was presented with an inscribed silver salver by Mr Bernard Pearson, Lynn Docks manager, after a lunch at which he was the guest. Earlier he had received a retirement gift from the financial director to the British Transport Docks Board and accountants of other docks within the board.

Mr Burton has seen vast changes at Lynn. He recalled the tremendous growth in trade, and the modernisation of the docks.

"During the years I have also seen remarkable progress in the development of modern cargo-handling facilities; and within the organisation, which has grown," he said.



MR BURTON (left) is presented with an inscribed silver salver and a cheque by Mr Pearson. (Picture: G. A. Christie)

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