When the N.U.M. Branch at Woolley was doing research into the history of the Union at the Colliery, we were proud to discover that the first attempt to start the Union at our pit was conducted by men who were prepared to suffer eviction from their houses, be sacked from the pit, and even in the case of seven men, go to jail in order that the Union could be established at the pit.

Since that time we have come a long way and a lot of changes have taken place and we are proud to associate the N.U.M. with the tributes that are being paid to the colliery on reaching its 100 years. We are especially pleased that in its centenary year the pit was able to produce one million tons of coal which is a tremendous achievement for a colliery with thin seams.

This achievement was brought about by the magnificent efforts of our men in co-operation with the entire Management team at the Colliery.

We feel that the men who founded the Union at this Colliery 100 years ago would have been just as proud of the men at Woolley today for their achievement, as we are of them for the birth of the Union at Woolley. We salute Woolley on the 100 years and look forward with confidence to the future.

A. PHILLIPS, President
G. SUNDERLAND, Secretary
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This is our centenary year and history has been created with the production of our first million tons. Over the years Woolley has been a good pit to work at with good cooperation between management and trade unions which has created a productive atmosphere.

Many changes have taken place over the years with the introduction of machinery but the essential ingredient for success is team spirit. This team spirit coupled with the desire to make the colliery pay has been the story at Woolley. Credit goes to every individual here and we conclude by saying: “Well done Woolley Colliery.”

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