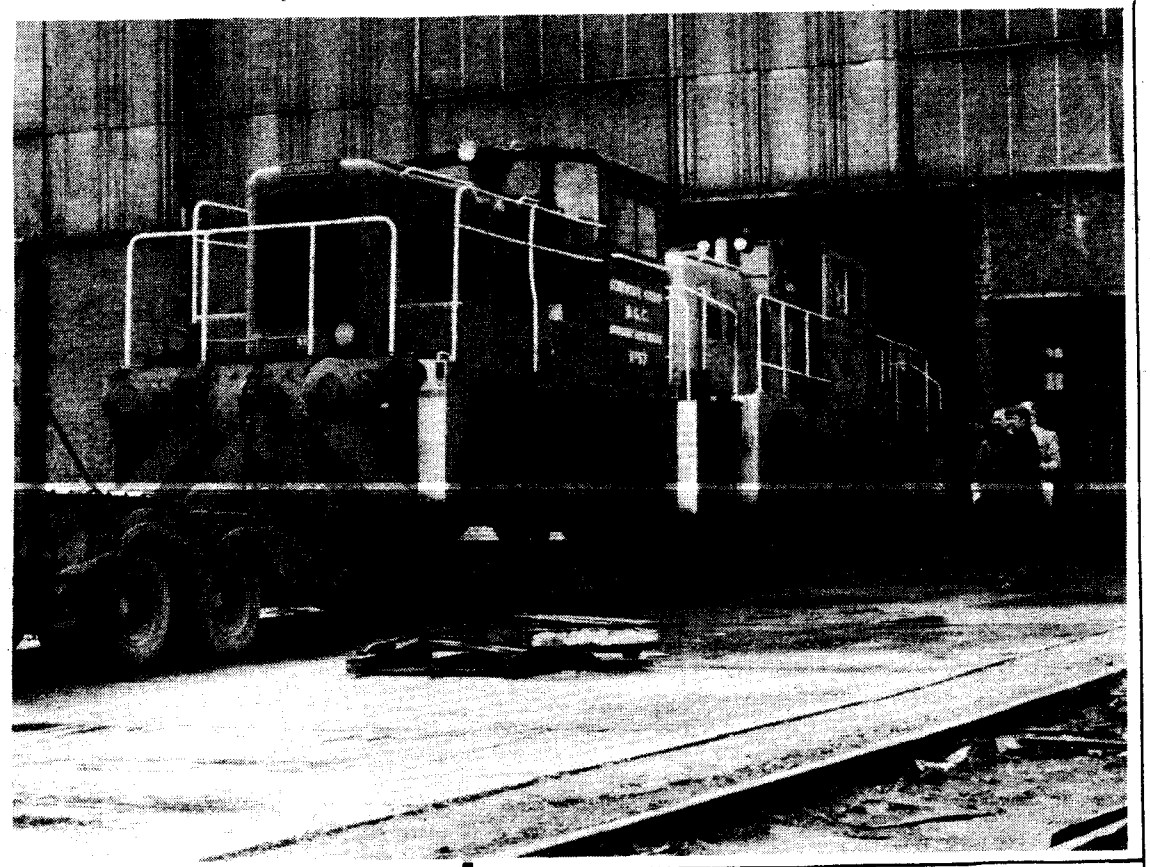
Return of one of the workers



AN ENGINE which used to work the ironstone quarries at Colsterworth from 1962 until 1972, when it went to Normanby Park, Scunthorpe, has virtually returned "home" now that the Normanby Park plant has closed.

The engine, weighing 30 tons and a diesel electric in the 0-6-0 class, was moved from Scunthorpe to its resting place at the Rutland Railway Museum at Cottesmore. To push it on to the low-loader taking it on its journey to the museum was an engine which once worked at Exton Park and which too was transferred to Scunthorpe at a time when the dragline "walked" to Corby, Northants.

Both the Colsterworth and Exton Park engines are seen in this picture supplied by British Steel, the Colsterworth "worker" being to the fore as loading was taking place outside the Normanby Park central engineering workshops.

Now at the Rutland Railway Museum it will be restored to its original maroon Colsterworth livery of the United Steel Company ore mining branch.

It is in working order and when full restoration has taken place it will revert to its original number — 1382.

This engine — purchased for preservation by Gordon Kobish and Ian Turpie — along with others, will be displayed at Cottesmore, and on Sunday, August 9th, a steam open-day will be held there, when, hopefully, there will be "running" steam engines, and a display of wagons, shunting, etc., together with static displays and rides.

Those associated with the Rutland Railway Museum are anxious to acquire information and also the loan of photographs, slides, etc., of the engine, which was built by the Yorkshire Engineering Company at Sheffield in 1962, when it was working at Colsterworth.

Said a spokesman this week: "There must be a lot of people who have such things and we would be pleased to hear from them." The man to contact is Mr. Ian Turpie, at 3 Bridge-end, Colsterworth. —**BRENDA WELBOURN.**

Housewife set police meter mystery

A GRANTHAM housewife was placed on probation for two years by Grantham magistrates yesterday week for offences of dishonesty, two of them involving stealing gas, and using electricity without authority.

Maureen Harman, 31, of Dysart-road, Grantham, had been earlier convicted of the offences of stealing £20 belonging to the East Midlands Gas Board; stealing gas of the value of £57.77;