

THE STROUD PIANO COMPANY LIMITED.

GOLDEN JUBILEE.

1906 - 1956.

In celebration of its Jubilee, The Stroud Piano Company Limited has arranged to entertain all the work people with their wives and sweethearts to an outing on Saturday the 26th May, which includes a trip on the river, and lunch at Abingdon from where the party will go by coaches to London for a theatre visit followed by dinner in town.

/// The firm was founded by the present Chairman Mr. D. W. Grover in partnership with Mr. George Gladman in London in 1906, and was removed to Stroud in 1911. Mr. Gladman retired when the business was converted to a Limited Liability Company in 1919, and his brother Mr. Arthur Gladman became one of the original Directors of the new Company.

In February 1938, the main factory building was completely destroyed by fire and the additional premises, now known as Bentley Works, were obtained and have been occupied ever since, so that the business is actually conducted in two factories.

The history of the Company has been one of steady growth, and today it is one of the largest producers of pianos in the United Kingdom.

Since 1945 efforts have been concentrated on exports which now absorb some 70% of output. Pianos are exported to nearly every country in the free World including many markets which, pre-war, were traditionally German markets, and even to West Germany herself.

Mr. Arthur Gladman retired after World War 2, and Mr. R. S. Grover became a Director of the Company on demobilization, after serving more than six years in the Royal Artillery, holding the rank of Major, and is now the Managing Director of the Company. He is the fourth generation of his family engaged in the manufacture of keyed instruments as his Great Grandfather, James Grover, was a manufacturer of Church organs in Kingsland Road, North London.

The third Director is Mr. G. H. Taylor, who is also Secretary, and has held that position for over thirty years.