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EDITORIAL

Following the letter in the last Branch Magazine from Mr. C. Wilkinson and the disappointing response to the proforma on Discussion Groups sent out recently this edition is mainly given over to the results of the Census taken mid-summer 1967.

It is hoped that those members who expressed an interest in Branch affairs at that time can see their way clear to participate more actively in the coming months.

One or two interesting anomalies were noted in the replies of members. Of those who attended two or less meetings, 56% thought the meetings were worth attending and 15% wanted more to be held!

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Please note that our Secretary, David Thomson has changed his business address to:-

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The next edition of this Magazine will be written and edited by members of the Surveying Society at Rutherford College.

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## CHAIRMANS' AND LONDON REPRESENTATIVE'S NOTES

Since the last edition of the Junior Branch Magazine there has been one meeting of the Junior Organisation Committee in London, and also the Annual Branch Conference and Dinner in November.

So far as the Junior Organisation Committee is concerned, the most important matters which were discussed involved the unification of the three Chartered Bodies and the problem of participation in Institution affairs by the general membership which was the discussion item in the second part of the Annual Conference as well.

The qualified members of the Junior Branch will now have received the scheme for unification direct from the Institution, and I would urge all of you to give this very careful study so that you can exercise your right to vote in a proper manner and with full knowledge of the facts and arguments. I am quite convinced that unification of the three Chartered Societies is in the interests of the membership and the general public.

I have been appointed Chairman of a small working party to examine the problems of participation in Institution affairs and to attempt to arrive at some sort of firm recommendation to the Junior Organisation Committee as to how the membership might be encouraged to participate more fully. In this study it is intended to examine not only the relatively superficial problem of attendance at Branch Meetings, but the more complex considerations of the willingness of the membership to be associated with the activities of the Profession and Institution, rather than regarding their achievement of a professional qualification as merely a means to an end - in other words a good job!

Peter McKendrick

## THE NOVEMBER MEETINGS

### 'Central Area Redevelopments'

The first of the two November meetings was mainly of interest to General Practise Surveyors and was held in conjunction with the Junior Members' Section of the Northumberland and Durham Branch of the Chartered Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute in the Northumbria Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne on Tuesday 12th November 1968. The meeting was addressed by M.B. Tetlow, Esq. A full report can be read in the January edition of the Chartered Surveyor.

### 'How, Why and What'

The second meeting held during November was an open forum for Quantity Surveyors held jointly with the Quantity Surveyors Section of the Senior Branch in the Turks Head Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne on Tuesday 26th November, 1968. The meeting took the form of a discussion of points raised by members' questions.

### ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The Annual Dinner Dance was held jointly with the Junior Members' Section of the Chartered Auctioneers' & Estate Agents' Institute at the Ramside Hall Hotel, Carrville, Durham City. The event was considerably over-subscribed and some 216 members and guests enjoyed seasonal fayre of roast turkey, etc. Musical entertainment was provided by the Hotel's resident band and by The Sundowners. The raffle raised a sum of just over £30 to be shared between the Benevolent Funds of the two organisations.

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THE CENSUS

The following are the results of the Branch Census held  
Mid-Summer 1967

Average age	
How many travel to work	24
IA How many J.O. Branch Meetings (excluding dances and discussion groups) do you attend in a year	%
a) 5 or 6	38
b) 3 or 4	%
c) 1 or 2	6
d) None	10
B If none why? Is it because	36
a) Everyone is unfriendly	48
b) You are not interested in RICS matters	12
c) You have not got time, even 2 hours/month	17
d) You live too far away	30
2 Do you think the meetings are worth attending	41
a) Yes	%
b) No	73
3 Should the meetings be of	27
a) Purely professional	%
b) Sectional technical	9
c) Some general	26
d) All general - interest	60
4 Should the social aspect of meetings be	5
a) More	%
b) Less emphasised	66
5 Which day do you prefer for meetings	34
a) Tuesdays	%
b) Thursdays	56
6 Should the meetings start at	44
a) 6.00	%
b) 6.30	12
c) 7.00	20
d) 7.30 p.m.	38
	30

THE CENSUS (Contd.)

7 Where do you prefer meetings	%
a) Newcastle	53
b) Durham	18
c) Sunderland	11
d) Anywhere	18
8 Should there be	%
a) More	17
b) Less	8
c) Same number	75
of meetings in a year (average 6)	
9 Do you attend meetings of allied professional bodies (excluding CAEAI)	%
a) Yes	21
b) No	79
10 Should there be more sporting activities and would you be prepared to contribute towards the cost	%
a) Yes	42
b) Yes but not to pay	12
c) No	46
11 Are discussion groups on technical subjects a good idea and would you be prepared to attend and take part	%
a) Yes	72
b) No	28
12 Are you interested in summer visits	%
a) Yes	22
b) No	27
c) Yes but cannot get time off	30
d) Yes but with wife/fiancée, etc.	21
13 What type of visit would you prefer	%
a) Technical	71
b) Purely social	29
14A Do you attend any senior, sub-branch or sectional meetings	%
a) Yes	35
b) No	65



THE CENSUS (Contd.)

14B If NO is it because	%
a) Everyone is unfriendly	27
b) The meetings are not interesting	35
c) You are not interested in RICS matters	10
d) You live too far away	28
15 Do you get any encouragement from your seniors or college lecturers to attend meetings	%
a) Yes	35
b) No	65
16 Do you read the Chartered Surveyor	%
a) Yes	53
b) Sometimes	40
c) Only the adverts	6
d) No	1
17 Do you read Branch circulars	%
a) Yes	94
b) No	1
c) Not usually	5
18 Which is the best method of training and education for surveyors	%
a) Full time college	37
b) Sandwich course	50
c) Day release	8
d) Postal tuition	5
19 Do you think the local RICS branches serve a useful purpose	%
a) Yes	57
b) No, the composition and aims should be changed	38
c) No, they should be abolished	5
20 Is there more to being a Chartered Surveyor than just passing the exams	%
a) Yes	89
b) No	6
c) Don't know	5

THE CENSUS (Contd.)

21A (For Quantity Surveyors only)	%
Should the RICS and IQS amalgamate	
a) Yes	54
b) No	39
c) Don't know	7
B Should the QS section break away from the RICS and form a separate organisation for Quantity Surveyors	%
a) Yes	59
b) No	34
c) Don't know	7
C Should RICS members be allowed to work for a Contractor	%
a) Yes	81
b) No	14
c) Don't know	5
22 (For General Practice Surveyors only)	%
Should the RICS and the CAEAI and CLAS amalgamate	
a) Yes	71
b) No	19
c) Don't know	10

Branch membership (JO) at 1st April 1967	410
No. of replies received	196
Percentage of members replying	48%



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(To be read slowly with feeling)

The next J.O. Meeting will be attended by about 3 people because the majority appear to live too far away although they think that J.O. Meetings are tops!

However general interest meetings are the 'in' thing apparently. So to get the square eyed PA away from the telly and the industrious 'Stoodent' away from his labours we propose that a mammoth Bingo Session should take place where the social aspect of the profession can be fully exploited. This will be held on a Tuesday commencing at 7.12 p.m. (approx.) mainly in Newcastle, partly in Durham or Sunderland and for that matter probably anywhere. For the benefit of the 15% of members attending two or less meetings at the moment who would like more to be held, special circulars advertising dummy meetings will be regularly dispatched! (i.e. the big 'non-events' of the year).

We suppose that it is comforting to note that the lousy attendances are not because our members are continually spending their precious free time at rival attractions such as the meetings of allied professional bodies, senior sub-branch or sectional meetings.

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As the majority of members apparently want more sporting activities we are hoping that it will be possible at all future Branch extravaganzas to lay on some suitable crumpet who we are assured are good sports.

It is a great pity that with the fantastic interest shown in summer visits we cannot channel this enthusiasm along the right lines due to the attitude of the Dickensian Employers of the area, the majority of members apparently being unable to get any time off. It is such a pity when this is the only time that anything technical or professional topped the poll!

It is obviously impossible to please more than 10% of the members 15% of the time even though we have 100% of the lolly. All in all members seem agog with indifference.

'We are the Champions' as you might say having just won the 1913 Club J.O. Branch Award.  
The Lord help the rest!



DIARY

Senior Branch

Thursday 16th January 1969, Royal Turks Head Hotel,  
Newcastle upon Tyne, 6.15 p.m.

C.T. Norman-Butler, Esq., will speak on 'The Nation's  
Financial and Banking Structure in relation to Land and  
Property'.

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Tuesday 21st January 1969, Usworth Hall, Washington, 7.00 p.m.  
'Washington Review' - a talk on Washington New Town.

Discussion Groups

Monday 3rd February 1969, General Practice Surveyors, Thursday  
6th February 1969, Quantity Surveyors. Both meetings to be  
held at the Cradlewell Hotel, Jesmond Road, Newcastle upon  
Tyne, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

For further information contact Leo Harrison (Washington 3591)  
or John Burns (Newcastle 813739).

RICS Junior Organisation Residential Course

11th - 13th April 1969, Bedford College, Regents Park,  
London.

'What future developments? - our changing responsibilities  
in the reconstruction of Britain'.

RICS Junior Organisation QS Residential Course

18th - 20th April 1969, The University of York.

'A farewell to counting bricks'.