



JUNIOR ORGANISATION  
NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM BRANCH



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Apology: The name of the speaker for the Meeting to be held on 12 November is M.B. Tetlow Esq., and not M.B. Tetton as printed on the enclosed circular.

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## EDITORIAL

In the replies to last year's Census sent out to all branch members of the Junior Organisation 90% of Q.S. members and 71% of G.P. members who completed and returned the form stated that they thought the idea of holding Discussion Groups was worthwhile and that they would be prepared to attend and take part in Discussions. Allowing for the complete non-interest of the 50 - 60% who did not reply to the Census one would assume that out of a membership of some 400 about 140 would have replied to the card sent out with last month's magazine.

However the response was about average. Twelve members have so far made the effort and returned the card. It would appear that at the moment there is more than the usual apathy towards the Institution.

Should the Institution become purely an examining body with paid officials making all the policy decisions which affect our professional lives, or do we wish to retain an interest in what is going on?

## CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

I hope that the 381 Junior Branch Members who did not come to the Branch Meeting on 15th October will realise the error of their ways - this was a most fascinating talk with some good slides about an operation within the city boundaries which few people realise is happening. You also missed the chance of a trip around the sewers of Newcastle which a few of us have undertaken since then, entering through a manhole in Melbourne Street and climbing 50 feet down a shaft to the invert.

Why not come along to the next Meeting and the ones after that! - make a regular habit of it and you never know where you might end up.

## OUR MAN IN THE METROPOLIS

Much of the agenda at the October Meeting of the J.O. Committee was devoted to making representations and observations on the amalgamation document about which everyone has heard so much but which is still 'strictly confidential'. Suffice it to say that when it does appear for public digestion it will, or should, concern the Junior Membership more than anyone else because it is the future of the profession which is at stake.

The new Constitution is well established and in the two sub-committees there is now adequate time for free discussion and debate of matters pertaining to general practitioners and quantity surveyors and I would ask you to make use of me as your representative to bring up any problem or item which you consider to be of importance to the profession.

We were also glad to hear from Mr. S. Lougee on the workings of the appointments bureau at the Institution and the plans for the future improvement of the service should be of benefit to all prospective employees and employers alike.

I would also draw your attention to the J.O. Annual Dinner in London on November 22nd at the Drapers Hall. This is always a magnificent occasion and I recommend anyone who is able to go.

London Representative  
Peter McKendrick



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

Where was Everybody? - read on and find out

It would seem that a large proportion of the 'Letters to the Editor' are concerned with the problems of attendances at Junior Organisation functions. The majority of the solutions put forward do not really get down to the problem of why there are such poor attendances. Surely the number of members who attend branch meetings etc. is a very small percentage of the total number of junior members in the Northumberland and Durham Branch. The problem is not the odd percentage who do attend such meetings but the large percentage who do not attend the meetings.

Surely the answer is obvious and is staring us in the face. After 5 o'clock and 'home time' the majority of junior members are simply not interested in quantity surveying matters. 37½ hours per week is enough time for most members to discuss the difference between 'margins' and 'fair returns'. Mr. Westgarth-Taylor asks the question 'Where was Everybody' (October issue for those members who light the morning fire with the magazine before opening it). The answer is plain to see - either pursuing some private hobby or more probably tucked away in some corner of a pub getting quite happily inebriated.

Whilst getting inebriated what are the members discussing? The Functions of the Quantity Surveyor? The latest edition of the Chartered Surveyor? or perhaps The Critical Path? - somehow I do not think it is any of these. It is more likely to be either rugby, football, cricket, sailing, climbing or even, dare I suggest it, women.

What does all this lead up to? It leads up to the fact that, after 5 o'clock there are other things in life besides Quantity Surveying and that in order to gain popularity the

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Branch most first find out, once and for all, what the junior members really want. Why not conduct a survey among junior members - anonymous please in order to get truthful replies - I should think the results could be quite revealing.

C. Wilkinson  
'Probationer'

Sir,

### Agricultural Section

As it is necessary to be fully qualified before enrollment to the Agricultural Section, I am only informed by Headquarters of any new members after enrollment has taken place.

It would appear however, that there must be many Junior Members not on my mailing list but who would be interested in attendance Agricultural Section Meetings and Events.

I would appreciate it if all members interested in this Section whether qualified or not, and not on the current mailing list, would contact me.

D.W. Nicol,  
Hon. Sec. & Treas.  
c/o Smiths Gore,  
Eastfield House,  
Corbridge.

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Sir,

Londonderry hits the headlines and old Wutherford Wicks (Crystal Balled Gemini) chooses to meander on about Bronze Medal, Chairman and St. Johnstone when all the time quantity surveyors all over the country are asking 'is the blond bomber O.K.'? After all, was it not he who taught us all that pyjamas could be worn as underwear and that sweaty feet could be cured, not to mention that powerful wink of his which has hit Newcastle like Linfield didn't. What? Did I hear a fish say 'steady'? The safety of Londonderry's leading protestant is of most importance and a point of law. Correct, Ian? Anglo - Irish relationships are in extreme danger if the blond bomber has fallen at the hands of the rebels and the R.I.C.S. will have lost a bum 5-a-side player. He might and he might not is not a reasonable answer George - go and see Geoff who will explain more pedantically.

I propose that Charlie should be made Chairman and Gemini sacked unless he lets the public have the latest on our beloved friend T.A. McLeod.

We demand to know whether he is safe and whether or not Newcastle has lost one of its most esteemed quantity surveyors. Answer Gemini!

Vita Veritas Victoria,  
Grimsby.

Ed: I assume that this will make sense to somebody!  
Unfortunately Gemini seems to have gone to ground this month.

### 'MOLE IN THE HOLE'

The Second Ordinary General Meeting was held within the Union Club, Newcastle upon Tyne on Tuesday 15th October.

The 'out of the ordinary title' referred to the subject matter which was the Advanced Drainage System for the Newcastle upon Tyne East Central Motorway, and the two Speakers were Mr. J.M. Kenyon, Senior Assistant to the City Engineer, and the Site Agent for the Contractors, F.J.C. Lilley. (Contractors) Limited.

At present the sewage system in the City Centre of Newcastle is of the combined type with the effluent being discharged direct into the Tyne through two principal outlets, one at the foot of the Side, near to the Guildhall, and the other through Pandon Dene.

The Scheme, which was the subject of the Meeting, will form part of an overall Scheme for disposal of Tyneside Sewage for which purpose the Tyneside Joint Sewage Board has been established with representatives from each of the Local Authorities concerned. The total Scheme will cost approximately £32,000,000. and will take some 15 years to complete entailing the construction of new sewers running parallel with each Bank of the Tyne, and with a treatment centre being built at Howdon.

The cost of the present project is approximately £500,000, and with the aid of a Ministerial Grant the financial burden to the ratepayers is to be spread over the next 60 years.

The total length of the main sewer is approximately 2½ miles and the completed system will drain about half of the City Centre.

Work on the system is now well progressed; a period of two years having been allowed for completion with an additional guarantee period of one year.

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The tunnel miners work in shifts, being paid on a piece-work system, and work is carried on 7 days a week.

This most interesting talk was supplemented by slides, and when the talk ended both Speakers answered a number of questions.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD IN OCTOBER MAGAZINE

Across

1. Centrehalfs, 8. Argue,  
9. Replace, 10. Matters, 11. Abrim,  
12. Dispel, 14. Add Him, 18. Meter,  
19. Appeals, 21. Mankind, 23 Amene,  
24. Regulations.

Down

1. Charmed, 2. Negates,  
3. Reeve, 4. Heresy, 5. Lapland,  
6. Sea, 7. Dream, 13. Ear Ring,  
15. Heave To, 16. Masters,  
17. Handel, 18. Mimic, 20. Peart,  
21. Nor

The Crossword was compiled by Alan Robertson.

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

Once again this highly popular and successful occasion is being held at Ramside Hall Hotel, County Durham on Friday December 13th, an auspicious date if ever there was one. Tickets will be on sale shortly so make a note of the date now, start saving your pennies and send in your applications for tickets as soon as the notice appears. Once again we expect the Dinner and Dance to be heavily oversubscribed, as on the last two occasions, so avoid disappointment by booking as early as possible.

JUNIOR ORGANISATION ANNUAL DINNER

will be held at

THE DRAPERS' HALL

Throgmorton Avenue, London, E.C.2.

on

FRIDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 1968

at 6.45 for 7.15 p.m.

Dress: Dinner Jackets

Tickets: 85/- each.

Owing to the extreme popularity of this annual event it is advisable to book early to avoid disappointment and in any case not later than - Monday, 11th November, 1968.

To: Mrs. V. Fenner-Fownes,  
J.O. Secretary,  
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors,  
12 Great George Street,  
Parliament Square,  
London, S.W.1.



DIARY

Tuesday  
12 November  
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'CENTRAL AREA REDEVELOPMENTS'  
Have you ever wondered just what is the position and role of a surveyor in central area developments??  
Come along to the Northumbria Hotel, Osborne Road, Newcastle at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday November 12 and find out from M.B. Tetlow Esq., B.A., A.R.I.B.A., M.T.P.I., a member of a firm of Architects, Surveyors and Town Planners closely involved in several schemes of large scale developments in town centres. He will then elucidate on the role of the Architect and Surveyor in central area developments.  
This meeting will be held jointly with the Junior Chartered Auctioneers.

Wednesday  
20 November  
SENIOR  
BRANCH

'THE NEW TOWNS OF NORTHUMBERLAND'  
J.B. Ross Esq., F.R.I.C.S., A.M.T.P.I., (County Planning Officer, Northumberland County Council.)  
Turks Head Hotel, Newcastle at 6.15 p.m.

Tuesday  
26 November  
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'HOW, WHY AND WHAT'  
Are YOU a Q.S?  
Are YOU dejected?  
Do other Quantity Surveyors give you an inferiority complex?  
Do YOU feel they know everything?  
Why not find out if they really do know everything by coming along to the Turks Head Hotel, Newcastle on Tuesday November 26 at 6.30 p.m. and asking the panel of 'experts' pertinent questions on anything to do with quantity surveying.  
If you feel a bit shy about asking questions at the meeting just send them, anonymously if you like, to the Editor of this magazine and they will be sent on to the appropriate person.  
This meeting will be held jointly with the Quantity Surveyors' section.