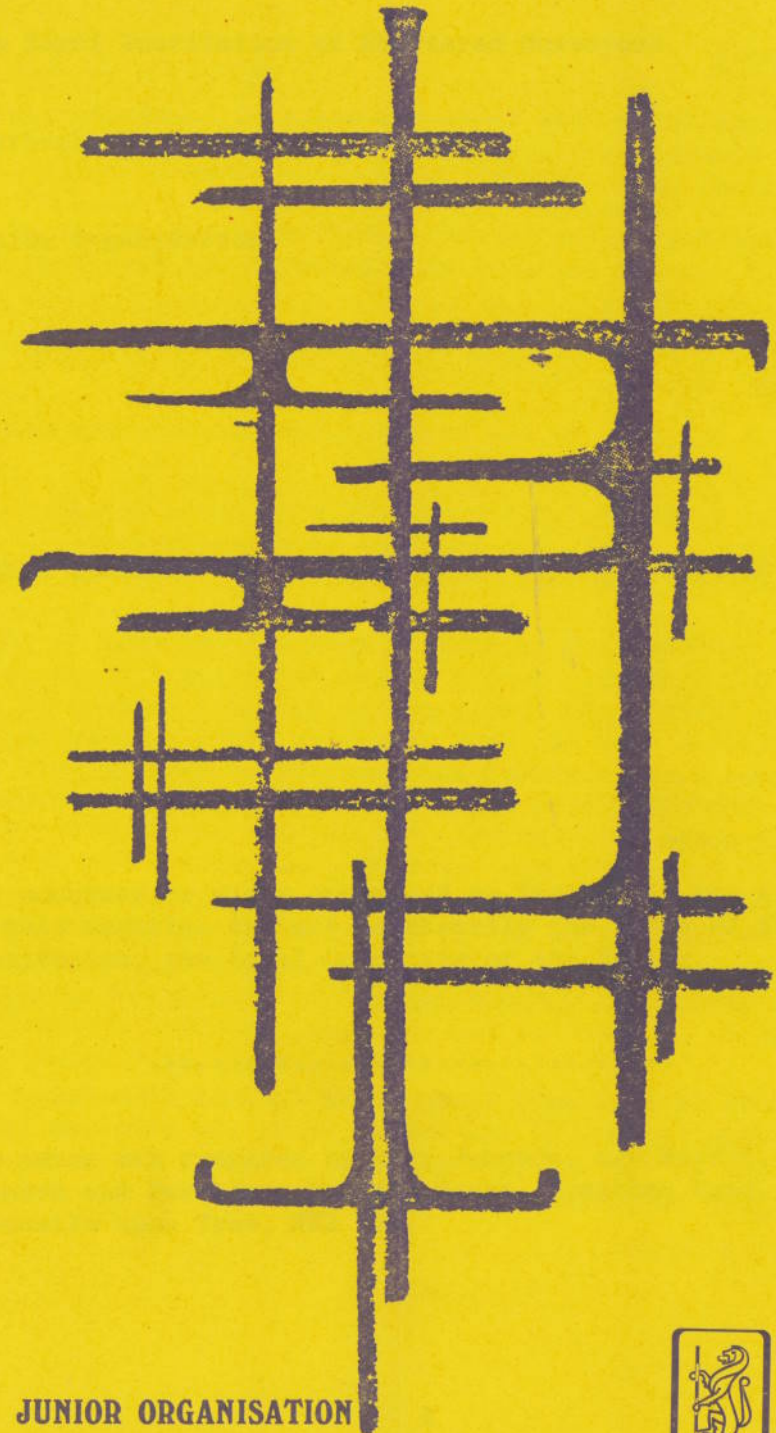


'MOLE IN THE HOLE'
Tuesday 15 October 1968
Union Club, Newcastle

J.M. Kenyon, Senior Assistant to the Newcastle upon Tyne City Engineer, will give a talk on the construction of the East Central Motorway with particular reference to the advanced drainage work at present in progress.

The Site Agent for J.F.C. Lilley (Contractors) Limited will attend the meeting and will answer members questions.



JUNIOR ORGANISATION
NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM BRANCH



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EDITORIAL

September would seem to be the month of contradictions. Among comments overheard recently at the Centenary Exhibition were the following:-

'...This Exhibition is much better than the effort of the R.I.C.S. at the Building Exhibition on The Town Moor last year...'

'...what a waste of time this Exhibition is...a typical R.I.C.S. effort...'

'...the R.I.C.S. is too stuffy...what we want are more social events...'

'...why do the R.I.C.S. continue with these social functions...surely the function of a professional institution is mainly technical...!'

These comments are typical of what one has come to expect from our members. Surely we are suffering from an internal malady largely the result of the peculiar make-up of the Institution with its many interests which as they become more and more technical and specialised tend to pull away from each other thus making it very difficult to present a united image.

Many members are at present thinking seriously about the present composition of the Institution and its relationship with kindred Societies. Is this not the time for us to start laying the foundations of our Branch in the next few years.

It would be extremely interesting to hear from these dissident members of the Branch as to how they see the function of the Institution in this area. Their views will certainly be given an airing.

OUR MAN IN THE METROPOLIS

The first meeting of the Junior Organisation Committee for the present session was largely devoted to the appointment of the Officers of the J.O. and Committee appointments to manage the affairs of the J.O. The new Chairman is Nigel Clutton who is the grandson of the first President of the Institution in 1868. In accordance with the new constitution of the J.O. there are now two major sub-committees of the main committee, namely the general purpose sub-committee and the quantity surveyors' sub-committee, whose Chairmen are James Offen and John Carpenter respectively.

Under the new constitution a rather different system of conducting J.O. Committees and sub-committee meetings will follow this year, and in subsequent years, and the sub-committees will meet in the morning and the main committee in the afternoon. It is hoped that important matters, directly relating to the particular section will be discussed at the sub-committees so that more time will be devoted to specialist items and rather less to purely domestic affairs.

As the new Chairman said in his initial address the future of the Institution depends upon the participation of its Members, and I hope that you will take every opportunity of airing your grievances, or offering suggestions to the Branch Committee and I, as your London Representative, will be very happy to raise any matter in the J.O. Committee, or in the appropriate sub-committee which you consider is of professional interest to either you personally, or the Institution as a whole.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

'Where was Everybody'

I was fortunate enough to take part in this year's Treasure Hunt (organised within the scope of the Motor Vehicles Competitions and Trials Regulations 1965).

An awful amount of hard work had been put into the organisation of this event by David Barry, Alan Robertson and Alan Barron, to mention but a few and frankly I was bitterly disappointed at the poor response from other members (but even with the small number of competitors, I was still unable to win a prize!)

The Committee of the local branch spend a lot of careful time and thought in trying to organise a varied programme and it is disappointing for them to get such a poor response as this.

If members have genuine grievances as to the way the branch is run or feel that they have suggestions for activities which would prove more popular, then I would be willing to act as an unpaid ombudsman on their behalf.

I look forward to receiving lots of irate replies and perhaps a few helpful suggestions, but perhaps some of the members of this branch are too apathetic even to write!

M.G. Westgarth-Taylor,
Green Hedges,
Seaton,
Seaham,
County Durham.

Sir,

In the midst of attempts, both at local and national level to encourage interest in the Junior Organisation's affairs I would like to make the following observations:-

It seems to me, as a Quantity Surveyor, that a greater emphasis is placed upon the social activities of the Branch than on affairs of a technical nature.

A professional society must exist to increase professional aptitude. I fail to see how this can happen when the major functions of the year i.e. the Dinner Dance and the Branch Dinner are purely social events.

It is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to provide a subject of specific technical content to satisfy the wide diversity of sections which make up the Branch. I would therefore like to see an increase in the number of 'split' meetings that have been held in the past enabling the various sections to hold meetings addressed by experts in a particular subject.

A great deal can be learned by discussing problems with fellow surveyors and to this end I would like to see a furtherance of the Discussion Group idea, with meetings taking place during the lunch-break perhaps.

Until expert speakers talk on specific subjects of interest to a particular section of the Institution I fear the hoped for reawakening of interest will never happen.

R.P. Robinson



FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
JUNIOR ORGANISATION

Much though I disapprove of printed signatures, I ask you to bear with me, since a Q.S. friend has calculated that it would take me a minimum of 28 hours of non-stop penwork with a relay of page-flippers to sign letters individually to over 16,000 members of the Junior Organisation, shattering several obscure world records along the line.

The Royal Institution's Centenary Year provides an opportune time to review the first hundred years' progress and many are the achievements in which we can take pride: governmental and wide public recognition, royal patronage, substantial growth in professional scope and the establishment of a firm and beneficial place in society.

However, there is one aspect in particular where achievement has been lacking; concurrent with rapid numerical growth the profession of the land seems to have lost some of the high public esteem it enjoyed at the time the Institution was founded.

A prime cause is that too many members, both senior and junior, are shortsighted enough to believe that after qualification there is no real need to keep up to date by maintaining Institutional contact: by reading the Journal, by participating in professional activities, by listening to expert speakers and by engaging in professional discussion with their fellow members. If we thus allow ourselves to become out of touch with modern practice and new legislation we cannot give best service to the client public, which ultimately reflects discredit on the profession as a whole.

The Junior Organisation of one decade is the Institution of the next and it is therefore appropriate that we as Junior members should attend to the removal of disinterest and apathy and carry forward our active support of the Institution in subsequent years.

Many to whom I write are active supporters of their Junior Branches and to them I wish another satisfying and beneficial year of involvement. To you who have not hitherto entered fully into the spirit and activities of your Branches may I strongly encourage you to do so. Participation is both your duty and your reward. Take it, for I can assure you from my own experience following hesitant beginnings that there is a wealth of benefit and satisfaction to be gained from it.

I am greatly looking forward to the visits with the Honorary Secretary or other Officers of the Junior Organisation to all of the Branches later in the year, and will cheerfully make up for my lack of stamina over the signatures by shaking 16,000 hands: if given that opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel H. Clutton.
Chairman

'The lesson of a Crystal Ball' by GEMINI

One of the most difficult things in writing for this magazine is to find a subject which is broad enough to interest both the students and professionals alike and at the same time keep it clean enough to be printed. So far I have attempted to explain the organisation at Rutherford College, an attempt to justify our existence and an equally ludicrous attempt to attack the lecturers. Therefore what is there left but a comment on our social life?

Unfortunately this was censored by the Lord Chamberlain and so once more I must fall back upon my (reportedly) weird imagination.

The clouds in the crystal ball slowly dissolve and gradually a scene of horrific splendour asserts itself..... look carefully!?

A small group of people sit huddled together around a table football machine. It seems from their almost unintelligible, but of course intellectual conversation that they are speaking about that subject which men of twice their age cannot speak without averting their eyes and murmuring BUDDHAM, SARANAM, GACHAM!! It is of course, the question of whether to use the comma or full stop as the decimal marker. The group is hushed as the Chairman rises to speak.

'Och, peanuts! thats what they should use, full scale replicas of that most erotic of beasts, the peanut emblazoned with a crest of a huge bristling thistle'.

The room remains hushed, surely there is going to be a punch line to this joke, but no, he really means it!

GEMINI contd.....

'Good God' cries the Hells Angel roaring in on his 1000 c.c. Harley Davidson. 'In my view we ought to have border guards at Carter Bar and stop any more of these foreigners coming in - even if they have got British passports. Pretty soon we will be engulfed in a tidal wave of Tartan people taking over our bus services and hospitals and then where will we be?'

Captain Ginger runs into the room closely followed by the Mysterons. He mumbles 'you might or you might not' and leaps into a suitable question mark for safety.

'Time for bed' says Zebedee and crystal ball resumes its former appearance.

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COLLEGE OF ESTATE MANAGEMENT

PROVINCIAL LECTURES IN NEWCASTLE

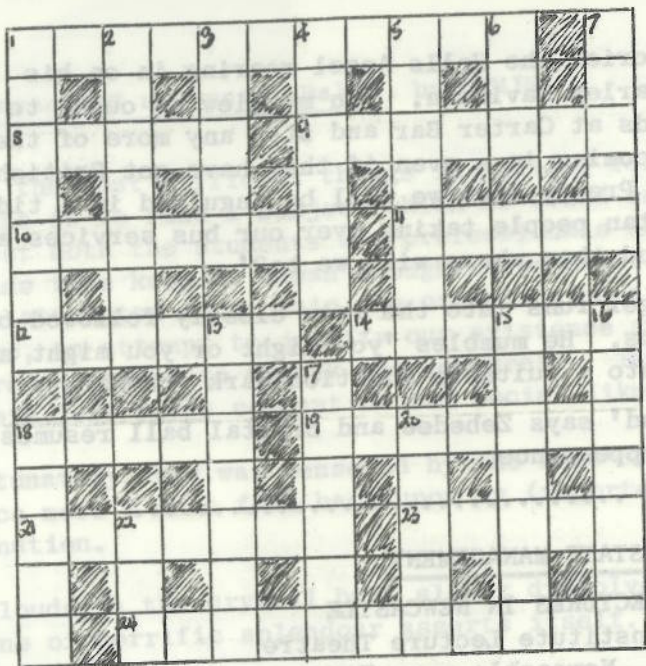
The Mining Institute Lecture Theatre
Neville Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne.
Admission Free

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

11.00 a.m. 'A NEW TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING CODE'
For students of all levels. This lecture will also be of interest to members of the profession.
MR. V.W.E. MOORE L.L.M., (Lecturer in Law)
The Secretary Mr. P.N. Brook will attend the lecture and will be available afterwards to any student or senior member who wishes to see him.

WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER

11.00 a.m. 'PRINCIPLES OF ESTATE MANAGEMENT'
For students of all levels.
2.00 p.m. 'RESIDUAL VALUATIONS'
For advanced students. Students should note that the subject matter of the two lectures will be related.
MR. R. EMENY A.R.I.C.S., (Lecturer in Valuation)



CLUES
ACROSS

1. Two of these make a whole in the middle of soccer (11)
8. A mixture of rag starts the row (5)
9. Put back the representative of shoe fasteners (7)
10. Within a set tram service something really counts (7)
11. I'm behind the bar and my glass is full to overflowing (5)
12. The short detective inspector spells 'scatter' (6)
14. Do this to her and she's ready to mate (3,3)
18. The comet 'Erysiplatous' contains the secret of light for a bob (5)
19. The judge hears the backward professional associate skinning his orange (7)

21. Tidings of great joy for you and all of them (7)
23. Pleasant, but not quite an amenity (5)
24. Planning toe rail guns - a nuisance, but necessary? (11)

DOWN

1. A hundred h—'s, and with weapons? Delighted, I'm sure (7)
2. Does not affirm north eastern accesses? (7)
3. With reference to the first woman bailiff (5)
4. She's nearly easy, and heathen (6)
5. Earth on your knees - what a state! (7)
6. Observe a lot of moisture at the coast? (3)
7. Dam - a Royal Engineer's in it; fast asleep too (5)
13. Could this circle make you hard of hearing (3,4)
15. Jack Tar calls for exertion (5,2)
16. A thousand flowers in the schoolroom (7)
17. Coming to grips with the composer? (6)
18. Copy a thousand and one repeatedly with a hundred (5)
20. Maladministers agriculture (5)
22. Not quite north correlative to neither (3)

DIARY

Tuesday 15 October
JUNIOR
ORGANISATION

'Mole in the Hole'
Union Club,
Newcastle
(see back of cover)

Thursday 17 October
SENIOR BRANCH

Special Extra Ordinary Meeting
to receive the report of the
Branch Committee and to discuss
procedure and the organisation
of the affairs of the Branch.

Late October
QUANTITY SURVEYORS
SECTION

General Meeting to discuss the
agenda for the November
Conference in London of Branch
Q.S. Chairmen and Secretaries

CLUES

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