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Society Notes

In this issue, three in one: the Journal and two supplements. One of these is an Index for Journals 61-70 and the other, continuing the pattern of annual commentaries on the previous year's Co-operative trade statistics has the "Reflections - and Projections" on 1990 from our five contributors. The latter supplement is being sent by the Co-operative Union to boards of directors and chief officers, throughout the consumer Movement and the need to await the statistics explains the delay in the distribution of the Journal.

In Journal 72 due out in August we hope to give special attention to education in the consumer Movement over the last decade or so of development and to the United Kingdom Co-operative Council which Peter Clarke refers to in his Newsletter below and whose details of constitution and relation to government are still under discussion..

Initiatives -

To the achievement of the Metropolitan and South region in a substantial programme of meetings in 1990-1, the North West has added its plan for lunch-time meetings in Manchester. This was opened at the end of February by a discussion "The Co-operative Bank and Corporate Responsibility", led by Terry Thomas, Managing Director of the Bank.

The Committee has fixed the Annual Conference and AGM of the Society for 13-14 September at the College and set the general theme "Co-operative values - and Co-operative practice?" and details are being distributed separately. The Committee has also agreed that the AGM will begin at 11.30 a.m. on the second day - offering more time than in recent years for discussion of the Society's affairs.

Attention is also being given, particularly by the Membership Secretary to the extension of the Society's membership. Special invitations were sent to members of the National Association of Co-operative Officials and the Institute of Co-operative Directors, with the support of these organisations - and with encouraging results. There are also plans to seek still wider

recognition and support - in particular, to increase sales of the Journal to University and College and Public Libraries and to get the help of local societies in introducing the S.C.S. to Universities, Polytechnics, Colleges of Higher Education etc. within their areas.

- And Invitations

And, of course, we keep open and warm these invitations. The editors will be glad to receive suggestions and material for consideration for the Journal. The Membership Secretary will rejoice to have applications for membership and be glad to meet any queries about the terms. The rates for 1991-2 are:-

	Basic Rates	Optional Sponsorship Additions	Basic + Sponsorship Rates
Individual: Unwaged	£5	£5	£10
Waged	£7	£5	£12
Organisation	£25	£50	£75

The rates, of course, include copies of the three Journals published each year.

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R.L.M.

In Passing

A cynic – "A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing".

Oscar Wilde – The Importance of Being Earnest

Still in search of New Harmony – "Robert Owen . . . has found a new job . . . in Japanese equities. . . . And the name of his new firm? Wako International which, translated, means 'peace and harmony'".

The Times, 16 April 1991