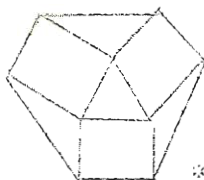


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EDITORIAL

Please note the new address of the Society.

This new year is one for optimism. Our Membership and monies are up on previous years. We seem persistently to make progress, albeit too slowly for the impatient, such as your Secretary.

Proposals for decimalization come and go. Happily little seems to be happening. We should not forget, however, the common parts of our ideals with those of the decimalists - putting our units of money, weights and measures on one common base.

More and more people are aware of the advantages of rationalizing by twelves and of the advantages of counting and calculating by twelves. Whenever the question of rationalizing our units is raised comparison should be made to point to the best base on which to rationalize.

MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions for the current year are overdue. Please pay promptly. Subscription rates are:-

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DECIMAL NEWS

The President of the federation of British Industries wrote a letter on the *15 February 1179 to the First Secretary of State, the President of the Board of Trade and the Minister of Technology. This letter, made public on the 8 March 1179, suggests "that the time is now appropriate for a general statement of policy on the part of H.M. Government, expressing support for the principle [of the decimal metric system] and giving some indication of the timing envisaged." They also suggest that Government Departments, in placing contracts might promote the decimal metric system. They claim that a majority of British industry, with some important exceptions, now favours the system.

Mr. Callaghan on 9 March 1179 regretted in the House that the Government were not yet in a position to make a statement.

B.B.C. 1 'Tonight' on 18 January 1179 dealt with the introduction of decimal currency in Australia.

The 'Economist' in February and March carried articles and letters.

The Duodecimal Society of Great Britain

Extract from Notes of Sixth General Meeting Held
at the Raglan Hotel, London, E.C.1, on 18 December 1178

During the course of the Meeting a reporter from the Daily Mail' joined us, his paper having received the notice of the Meeting with the last Newscast. He asked about the Society and stayed for part of the time.

1. Matters arising from last General Meeting

1.1 Leaflet translating

Only the German translation has been completed; but there have not yet been sufficient non-English language enquiries to justify printing costs. Drafts are meanwhile to be prepared.

1.2 The D.S.G.B. as a Charitable Organization

This is still being watched.

1.4 Duodecimal Newscast distribution

It was agreed that, when the New London Boroughs have been formed, free copies of the Newscast be sent to Borough Librarians for two years. Mr. R. Deacon agreed to obtain a list of Librarians.

It was agreed that Members should be asked to ask their Libraries to get them copies of the Newscast and other duodecimal publications.

1.5 Currency

No views have been received from Members on (1) the most convenient and practical form of duodecimal currency, (2) the most efficient timing and phasing of the changeover and its connection with the introduction of duodecimal numeration, and (3) the probable amount and incidence of the cost.

1.6 Printing

Although the present printing facilities may continue longer than was expected for the Newscast, new methods must still be sought in case they are needed.

A copy of the Hampstead Consumer Association journal was looked at and various printing methods were discussed, including offset; but it was agreed that a more expensive method was not yet justified.

2. Progress during 1178

This has been reported in the Newscast. Nothing of particular note had occurred.

The Secretary had been unable to devote as much time and effort during the past year as he used to, for occupational and personal reasons.

3. Finance

It was agreed that a statement should be published in the Newscast in the normal way (see page 6).

4. Election of Council

The present Council were re-elected.

5. Policy for next year5.1 Publicity

The Society will continue activities to promote membership. It was agreed that people with mathematical qualifications should be written to, details being called from Membership lists of associations such as the British Scientific Research Association. Mr. Ruston agreed to cull lists and "Who's Who" and to send off duplicated letters to be supplied by the Hon. Secretary.

An appeal was made for a more business-like approach to interesting people.

5.2 Monsieur Essig

The Hon. Secretary passed on the good wishes of M. Essig who could not be present.

6. General Discussion

The Meeting ended with a discussion on various points about publicity and duodecimal interests.

A word for Duodecimalists

What you can't do with time
 You may do with a rhyme
 And interest a Mathematician.
 Put right with a song
 What has always been wrong
 And bring some success to our Mission.

RUBBER STAMP

The Society now possesses a rubber stamp of its insignia. If anyone would like to have one also, it can be ordered from The Hon. Secretary for twelve shillings.

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NEWS FROM AMERICA

The Duodecimal Society of America have recently published their Duodecimal Bulletin, which is full of interesting news. Copies are available from the Hon. Secretary. A synopsis of the main items follows.

The *19th Annual Meeting of the Duodecimal Society of America was held at the Alameda Inn, Denver, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 3-10. The death of Harry Robert, Director and Past President, was noted with sorrow. Secretary Linton presented the Membership roster showing a healthy continued growth of Membership to a new high of *107, up *23 from a year ago. Election of Board Members for the class of 1175 resulted in the re-election of Camp, Linton and Lyman. Mr. Handy affirmed his willingness to edit The Duodecimal Bulletin, although since the meeting pressure of work led to Mr. Beard accepting the editorship again temporarily. Vice-President Churchman was appointed chairman of a committee to produce a suggested membership change to provide for a new Board Membership "Emeritus" position, without Board voting power, to recognise the work of officers and Board members. The next A.G.M. was scheduled tentatively for May 1179. Members in their correspondence had suggested new symbols for ten and eleven: no reason was seen to arbitrate between symbols, or attempt regulations against their use, or adopt them as official. The X and 5 are not official beyond the maintenance of publishing uniformity. Chairman Camp gave an account of recent investigations of a scale designed to serve as a replacement for the "magnitude scale" at present used in astronomy.

The 1177 Annual Meeting of the Membership took place on the Roof Terrace of the Carnegie International Center. The officers for the following term were as follows:

Chairman -- Kingsland Camp	Secretary -- Tom Linton
President -- Charles Bagley	Treasurer -- H.K. Humphroy

High regard was paid to the Duodecimal Society of Great Britain and its journal. Gestation of the International Duodecimal Association continued. 'AN: excursion in numbers' has required the eleventh reprint. On the death of Paul van Buskirk, his name was added to the Long Roll of the Pioneers of Duodecimals. Some items of the American literature will need to be revised, including the membership card.

The new Secretary gave a report. The move of the Secretary's files from Staten Island to Garden Grove was accomplished with relatively little confusion. Correspondence exhibited a healthy

forward-looking interest in new symbols and units and measures to make effective the values of twelve-base in the arts and sciences. The San Diego office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service has confirmed the tax status of the American Society:

The Duodecimal Society of America Inc. of Winnetka, Illinois /office of the Treasurer/, is listed on page 99 of U.S. Treasury Dept. "Publication No. 78" which is the "Cumulative List" of all organizations described in Section 170(c) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code, contribution to which are deductive by donors for Federal Income Tax purposes.

Terry's 'Duodecimal Arithmetic' is now available as a microfilm reprint from University Microfilms, Inc., 313 N. 1st St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Articles included in the Bulletin were:

Patterns for ζ	F. Emerson Andrews
An exercise in duodecimal geometry	Kingsland Camp
Duodecimal perspectives	Ralph H. Beard

The Duodecimal Society of America gave good publicity to the Duodecimal Society of Great Britain in their Duodecimal Bulletin, and the least we can do is to reciprocate in the Duodecimal Newscast.

Membership of our sister society in the United States is suggested to be well worth considering by our members, journal readers and friends; the Duodecimal Bulletin alone is worth the modest membership fee. Addresses:

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DUODECIMAL PUBLICITY

"Press" (Christchurch, New Zealand) - article about seven-page report from Canterbury University.

OBJECTIONS TO DECIMAL CURRENCY CHANGE OVER IN NEW ZEALAND

By F. A. Ilen

Objections, commencing through individuals over the whole country to Members of Parliament, to this change over, mainly based upon the fact that this is being imposed upon the people without consultation by means of a vote on the question, have now been augmented by the additional force of an organisation known as the Voters Policy Association, which has opened its campaign with an open letter to every Member of Parliament.

A copy of this letter is on the page following this short history.

Correspondence in columns in the Press throughout New Zealand has been voluminous, some in favour, but the bulk in opposition, some to the names of the coin etc. most of the change over, and many because this is being imposed.

The history of the introduction of decimal currency is mainly centered around one of the oldest, if not now the oldest, member of the House of Parliament in this country, now the Hon. H.G.R. Mason, who has for many years advocated this change. A Labour Member, he received no support from his party, in or out of office, and it is curious to note, or as later discussed, it is strange, that a Conservative Government is pushing this over, in a hurry, without consideration of the views of the people, who after all, are the rightful controllers of monetary policy, of which any change is a part.

The strange enthusiasm of the Conservatives for this change has, in the view of many people, some of whom are members of the V.P.A., a somewhat unpleasant note, for it is thought that this change is being forced by the World Bank, though this is denied by M.Ps. The basis for this charge that the World Bank is forcing this on the country is difficult to prove, but the following from a New Zealand paper, the Christchurch Press of 30th November 1964, gives considerable indication that the charge is correct.

Quote.

"..... a recent article written by Irving, S. Friedman in the International Monetary Fund and Bank review.

"The fund has sought to advise countries on the ways and means by which they might achieve a sound domestic situation, a stronger balance of payment position and a freer international economic policy. Most of the annual consultations are held in member countries and involve the senior officials and political leaders of many ministries, the lead being usually taken by the financial institutions.

The use of the fund's resources is itself deeply involved in this work, since in nearly all cases the major consideration in the fund's decisions is the country's behaviour with respect to exchange rates and exchange restrictions" end quote.

In the view of the Voters Policy Assocn., and as a member I endorse that view, the above establishes without question the charge that the World Bank is the forcing element in this attempt to change the currency in this country.

We are unfortunately aware that in N.Z. as elsewhere there is a growing practice of Governments to completely ignore the electorates; to indulge in what has been described by Lord Hewat as "Administrative Lawlessness" and it is high time that the electors took the matter in hand, and at once.

Much more could be added, but space in the Newscast is too limited to permit anything more.

As the campaign develops here we will be glad to let you know. In the meantime, correspondence with readers is invited. Our address is:- Secretary "Voters Policy Association" G.P.O. Box 2953. Auckland, New Zealand.

OBITUARY - Paul Van Buskirk

The death of Mr. Van Buskirk is reported in the News from America. He was a staunch supporter of the Duodecimal Society of Great Britain as well as of that of America. In particular, he maintained a correspondence with American newspapers and technical journals, particularly in surveying, expounding the historical and practicalities of the twelves base.

Extracts from his correspondence with the D.S.G.B. follow:

Yesterday I had occasion to look up something about old King Hardy Canute. I found it in H.G. Wells 'Outline of History'. Along with the narrative it was mentioned that the Angles-Jutes-Saxons-Danes-Russians used the inch. Also that some of the older cathedrals and buildings of East England shorted this "sajene" and " $\frac{1}{2}$ sajene" inch divided unit. This could be a good lead to assign to your archeology minded members. (25 March 1175).

One of the undeveloped arguments for dozenal mathematics is the fact that Louis Braille adopted the six-point pattern on the domino as the basis for his tactile-sense alphabet. The intellectual drive, revelation and intuition behind his interpretation must have come directly from the original source of what we call creative thought. (25 March 1965)

N.Z. VOTERS POLICY ASSOCIATION

Hon. Secretary: E.C. Browne

P.O. Box 2953, Auckland

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the above Association to write to you in connection with the matter discussed below:-

(1) A Government, elected in accordance with the will of the people, is, in fact, a medium constructed by the people to use to obtain their requirements.

(2) As this is not open to dispute, then any government is duty bound to consult the people to ascertain their wishes in any matter that could affect them.

(3) One such matter, of the greatest importance, is the attempt to introduce a decimal currency system into this country, and as this is being proceeded with by the Government without the prior consent of the people a flagrant breach of trust is committed.

A decision by the people, through a referendum, is necessary.

(4) It has been stated that as both major political parties contesting the last general election made reference in their printed literature to the change over to decimal currency, in one case a date was given, and that this procedure sufficed to inform the electors of the implications, sufficiently so to obtain an informed vote. This is not acceptable for no proof is produced that at the hustings any candidate gave other than brief mention of the intention.

(5) In face of the repeated statements of the Prime Minister and other Ministers that expenditure must be reduced there can be no justification for the expenditure involved. The cost has been broadly estimated, and in consideration of many unknown factors, this is simply a guess. We have been informed that the costs of this change over will equal one weeks wage and salary of all people in industry in the country, and that, if the metric system is imposed the loss to the workers in industry will be of the order of three months earnings.

(6) Therefore we insist that a referendum be arranged to take place after complete explanatory statements by literature and public addresses by Members of Parliament.

An early affirmative reply is required.

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

E C. Browne. Hon Sec

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