

CO-OP ADVANCES ON EVERY FRONT

THE BRIGHTSIDE AND CARBROOK SOCIETY records the largest yearly total and the highest number of members in its history. Sales for the twelve months ending July 26th amount to £2,542,260 and the Membership now stands at 80,811. The Directors recommend a dividend of 1/6d with 10% bonus - a total of 2/4d in the £. on sales, which is the largest return since 1925.

The new shop opened at Wolfe Road, Parson Cross estate, on August 11th, is now doing a turnover of over £300 per week.

THE SHEFFIELD & ECCLESALL SOCIETY records Members' Share Capital exceeding one million pounds, for the first time. The Loan Capital has more than doubled the figure of twelve months ago, says the Committee's Report for the quarter ended June 12th.

National results of retail co-operative societies for 1942 show the Co-operative Movement advanced on every front of its activities during the past year.

The facts:

Membership increased by 151,613 to the total figure of 8,924,868. Sales of co-operative societies amounted to £319,448,476, an increase of £17,202,147, or 5.69 per cent. In view of the relative stability of prices during the year, this result shows a substantial real increase in trade.

Share capital figures show a record increase amounting to a total of £179,478,432. The increase amounts to over £15,000,000.

Loan capital amounted to £51,207,898, an increase of £4,299,024.

Reserves of retail societies amounted to £17,476,112.

The lesson:

These amazing figures prove beyond all doubt the tremendous strength and vigour of co-operative societies. They show that the Co-operative Movement commands the confidence of the people, as their traders and trustees. With the People, the Co-operative Movement is marching on.

The Co-operative Movement is open to all, and is conducted on strictly democratic principles by which each member has one vote. The surplus arising from these great commercial activities is shared by all members in proportion to their purchases. Thus the Co-operative Movement is the ground work of a great new social system of growing dimensions of immense importance.

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CO-OPERATIVE LEASE-LEND

Recent discussions in the United States about the vital question of Food Production which the Hot Springs United Nations Food Conference has brought to the fore reveal that agricultural co-operatives in the States are supplying roughly one-third of the total lease-land food shipments to the United Nations.

Well organised agricultural co-operatives span the United States and Canada. Similar organisation played an important part in food production in Denmark, France, Holland and Czechoslovakia prior to the war. Plans are on foot for reorganising rapidly these European societies of farmers after the war so that the critical world food situation may be alleviated.

A conference is to be held in London this Autumn to line up consumers and farmers' societies for a mass attack on malnutrition.

COLONIAL POLICY

In an important statement Colonel Oliver Stanley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, showed the important work co-operative societies are doing in teaching the natives in our colonies democratic principles and a sense of responsibility.

Already, important co-operative work is being done in South Africa and the West Indies, and more experiments are planned.

A special two year course in Co-operation for colonial administrators and others who will go to the colonies is to be started at the London School of Economics next month.

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C O O P E R A T I V E P A R T Y N O T E S

ATTERCLIFFE. A Divisional Meeting is to be held shortly. Date, speaker, and particulars will be announced to members by circular. (Secretary: Mr. E. Mulligan, 48 Newark Street.)

BRIGHTSIDE commenced the Autumn session on September 6th, with Councillor J.W. Holland, J.P. as the speaker. Mrs. E. Barton, J.P. (ex-national secretary, Women's Co-operative Guild) is to address the next Meeting. Monday September 27th, at 7 p.m., in the Shiregreen Co-op. Institute. (Secretary: Mrs. Ashley, 22 Burngreave Bk.)

HANDSWORTH section is continuing with fortnightly Meetings on Fridays (next Meeting September 24th): Dances on the alternate Fridays, and Whist Drives on Mondays. All events held in the Working Men's Club, and commence 7-30 p.m. (Secretary: Mr. T. Neville, 2 Richwath Road.)

HILLSBOROUGH Divisional Party had an address on September 6th from their Member, the Right Hon. A.V. Alexander, who stressed the necessity of unity until victory was achieved. Mr. Alexander dealt with the War effort as it primarily concerned the Navy. Stating the need of organisation and education amongst the people, Mr. Alexander hoped that each would play his or her part in reconstruction and not leave everything to the State or Municipality.

THE WOMEN'S SECTION commenced their meetings on Monday September 6th with a Social. Speakers during the month: 13th, Councillor P. Dinsley; 20th, Mrs. Wardroper; 27th, Councillor J.W. Ibbotson. Meetings held Mondays, 2-30 p.m. (Secretary: Mrs. M. Carver, 44 Burgoyne Road.)

MANOR Ward re-opened on September 6th. Meetings held monthly in the Guild Room, 14a Ridgeway Road. (Secretary: Mrs. M. Fairest, 2B Alger Crescent.)

NEEPSEWD Party is being revived. On August 11th Councillor Worrall gave the City Council report. The Committee is considering the running of Whist Drives. (Secretary: Mrs. L. Hall, 114 Scott Road.)

NORWOOD & SOUTHEY section are to hold monthly meetings. On September 9th Mr. E. Scott, of the Transport & General Workers Union, was the speaker. (Acting Secretary: Mr. W. Habeshaw, 34 Herries Avenue.)

WOMEN'S SECTION Meetings reopened on August 18th with a Social. 26th, Mrs. Wardroper was the speaker, Mr. E. Wood, J.P., Councillor J.S. Worrall, and Councillor H. Slack are the speakers in September. Meetings held in the Guild Room, Southey Avenue. (Secretary: Mrs. M. Jackson, 106 Crowder Avenue.)

SHEFFIELD & ECCLERSALL section are to inaugurate the Membership campaign in that area by a meeting in the Co-operative Institute, Napier Street, Sunday October 3rd, at 2-45 p.m., when Mr. J.M. Peddie (Publicity Manager of the Hull Co-operative Society) will be the speaker. Musical items will also be arranged. (Secretary: Mr. G.W. Evison, 220 Carterskneve Road, Sheffield 7.)

WOMEN'S SECTION commenced their Autumn session on September 9th with a Social. Speakers: Sept. 16th Dr. Caroline Keule on "America" and 23rd Councillor H. Slack on "The Future of Health Services." Meetings held in the Napier Street Institute, Thursdays, 2-30 p.m. (Secretary: Mrs. E. Williams, 32 Essex Road, Sheffield 2.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL of the Sheffield Co-operative Party met on September 6th. Amongst the business discussed were: the People's Entertainment Society; the re-election of Councillor Ballard on the National Committee; Beveridge Report meetings: "Wings for Victory" week; China Campaign Committee; and the nomination of Sheffield's next Lord Mayor. A resolution of appreciation to Alderman Bancroft was carried in this respect; Councillor S.H. Marshall, the Lord Mayor Elect, was also congratulated.

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Attend the Meeting at the City (Memorial) Hall, Sunday September 19th, at 3 p.m.

SHEFFIELD'S CENTENARY. On August 24th Sheffield celebrated its centenary of the incorporation of the City in the presentation of a fine pageant at the City Hall. The Right Hon. A.V. Alexander, C.B., M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, was the principal speaker.

Mr. Alexander said that the pageant witnessed an epitome of national history - slow ordered progress from one stage to the next - better - a progress that had been going on for nearly a thousand years. Of the four freedoms, the English-speaking world has already achieved three: "no man need fear for his politics, no man need fear to practise his religion in his own way, and no man need stand in fear of his neighbour. To these freedoms must be added a fourth - freedom from want. I believe the British people have made up their minds that never again will they tolerate in their midst the miseries springing from want."

CO-OPERATORS AID ALLIES. The members of the Brightside and Carbrook Society have contributed £1,872 to the 'Aid to Russia' fund by the Share No. 900 allocated for the purpose. The Sheffield and Ecclesall Society members, through the Share No. 1 have contributed £984.

Up to date the 'Aid to China' fund realised in the Brightside and Carbrook Society (Share No. 945) £328, and in the Sheffield and Ecclesall Society £187 (Share No. 255).

In addition to these contributions the two Societies have voted substantial amounts from the surpluses, and the Co-operative auxiliaries - Guilds, Party sections, etc. - have also made contributions.

FREEDOM FUND. The income from "Co-operators' Day" celebration at the City Hall realised £101.4s.4d. In addition the Brightside and Carbrook Society is granting £2,000 to the fund.

COUNCILLOR S.H. MARSHALL - the Lord Mayor elect - is the fourth Co-operative Party representative to be nominated for this high honour, and he will be the third to serve in this capacity. He was first elected to the City Council in 1928 and holds important positions on the Education Committee, Parks Committee, and Rating Committee. An ex-Director of the Brightside and Carbrook Co-operative Society, and an Agent of the Co-operative Insurance Society, all Co-operators will wish their colleague and his good lady a successful year of office.

MR. NORMAN SMITH - our speaker at the City (Memorial) Hall on Sunday September 19th - has a fine record of Co-operative and Socialist service. For many years Lobby Correspondent of the "Daily Herald" and writer in "Reynolds' News", Mr. Smith has shown a grasp of economic and political matters. He was editor of the seven Co-operative Party booklets "Britain Reborn." As director of the "Citizen" for local Co-operative parties, he secured before the War a monthly circulation of well over a million copies. At present editor of the "Millgate Monthly," and a Co-operative and Labour candidate for a Nottingham division, Norman Smith is an effective and racy speaker.