

# SIMPLIFIED SPELLING SOCIETY:

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## NEWS SHEET 7

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### 1. SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SSS

remedial reading	homeopathy
graphology	book reviews
counselling	photography
astrology	tarot readings
translations	massage
mind training	biorhythms
personal poems	encounter
journalism	dowsing
psychoanalysis	exhibitions
memory training	picture therapy
palmistry	colour therapy
ESP enhancement	word clearing

Newsheet (Members only) subscription address  
Mona Cross (SSS Treasurer), or any officer,

## 2. RESULTS OF FINANCIAL BUDGET SURVEY.:

HEAD	VOTES FOR	VOTES AGAINST	
1.	15	2	Postage
2.	14	3	Clerical
3.	16	1	Stationery
4.	15	2	Room hire
5.	12	3	Office equip.
6.	12	5	Travelling
7.	14	3	Chairman
8.	14	3	Fin. Sec.
9.	9	8	V. Chairman
10.	14	3	Education Sec.
11.	14	3	Records Sec.
12.	12	5	Pub. Sec.
13.	14	3	Balloting
14.	14	3	Polls on const.
15.	16	1	Auditors fees
16.	14	3	Treasurers budget
A1.	17	2	Journal
A2.	18	1	Conf. and meetings
A3.	16	3	Leaflets
A4.	13	6.	Trans. machines
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Announced results all positive at end of SSS AGM.

**Comments on financial results:**

It was pointed out that if we were to have no adventurous expenditure we might as well dissolve the Society. There was some support for this suggestion and it if could have been proposed, it would surely have been seconded.

Our Education Secretary abstained from voting on all adventurous expenditure, including the Conference budget!

Our previous Publication Secretary voted against the budget for the journal!

One member forgot his voting paper and refused the offer of using a blank sheet with numbers for each head (on condition that he signed to say he had not voted before).

Mr. Cropper announced that he was voting against everything, he did.

The subscription resolution comes under another heading.

<p>Please vote now:  Subscriptions to be doubled to £4.00p.  I approve      I disapprove</p> <p>Send to Chairman by November 29th 1976  Ref. Constitution (page 8) Section 8.</p> <p>Date ..... Signed .....</p>
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**SURVEY:**

Some criticism was levelled at the Committee, who are not yet paid for their work or time. Would those members who think they can make a positive contribution fill in this brief survey?

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THE SOCIETY FUNCTION?

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WHAT FUND RAISING SCHEMES CAN I ORGANISE?

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Please,

RETURN TO ANY OF THE SOCIETY'S OFFICERS.

### 3. AGM Voting Report

#### Number voting — 32

Resolution No.	Voting 'Yes'	Voting 'No'
7.	27	1
8.	24	3
9.	22	6
10.	28	2
11.	26	3
12.	19	5

#### Key

7. Financial regulations

8. Publishing above

9. Rules of Society

10. New Spelling combined with Wurld English

11. U K travel only

12. Vote of thanks to Research Controller

All resolutions were passed.

#### RESULTS OF ELECTIONS 1976

Chairman	George O'Halloran	Until 1977
Vice Chairman	Nil	Latent
Treasurer	Mona Cross	1977
Secretary	Sinclair Eustace	1977
Fin. Secretary	Richard J. Lawler	1977
Pub. Secretary	Nil	see below*
Records Secretary	Gregory Unsworth Mitchell	1979
Committee	A.R. Brown	1979
"	P.W. Burke	1979
"	I. Collins	1979
"	E. Oakensen	1979
"	J.H. Seager	1979
"	J. Winsor Lewis	1979

\* Richard J. Lawler (elected by Committee Meeting on day of AGM), will need help to perform this task after April '77, when duties as Financial Secretary become more onerous. Any volunteers for help?

#### In office since 1975

Education Secretary	Stanley Gibbs	1978**
Committee	J. Fergus MacBride	1978
"	H.S. Wilkinson	1978

Total of fourteen Officers.

\*\* Resigned at Committee Meeting on October 2nd.

## 4. ADVERTISEMENTS

*ORGANISER* for 1977 Conference, needed very urgently. Last year's correspondence and records available. Co-option to Committee (if not on already). Small sub-committee possible to share duties.

*Duties*:- Advertising and notices; receiving papers; preparing program; receiving taped lectures; receiving subscriptions; allotting periods. All other duties connected with our Second International Conference on Reading, Writing and Pedagogy. (Last year College of All Saints). Free board and lodging at the Conference venue if appropriate, in return for services.

*MONEY* Mona Cross is always willing to receive monies towards this magazine or towards any other budgets.

*HELP* Always required. Addressing envelopes clerical, typing etc.

### **Private Adverts free to members:**

SONATONICS: Tension release course (Neck & Head Exercises — £8.

From R.J. Lawler, London.

Also HOROSCOPES — £5 (Personality traits only)

HANDWRITING ANALYSIS — £4

Phoebe Jeffery wants volunteers to teach illiterates. London, S.W.6

ROOM wanted for Society's books and machines.

## 5. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP LIST

No.

4A. Prof. E.A. Betts, USA.

6A. Mr. A.R. Brown, London.

33A. Dr. W. Gassner, Australia

37A. Prof. instead of Ms. G. Hildreth

69A. Mr. O.R. Orange, London.

83A. Mr. J.H. Seeger, Billericay, Essex.

86A. ?? Washingborough.

88A. Mr. Malcolm Swan, Hants.

1128. Change Fercera No.16 to Tercera No.16

1188. Mrs. Wijk, Stockholm.

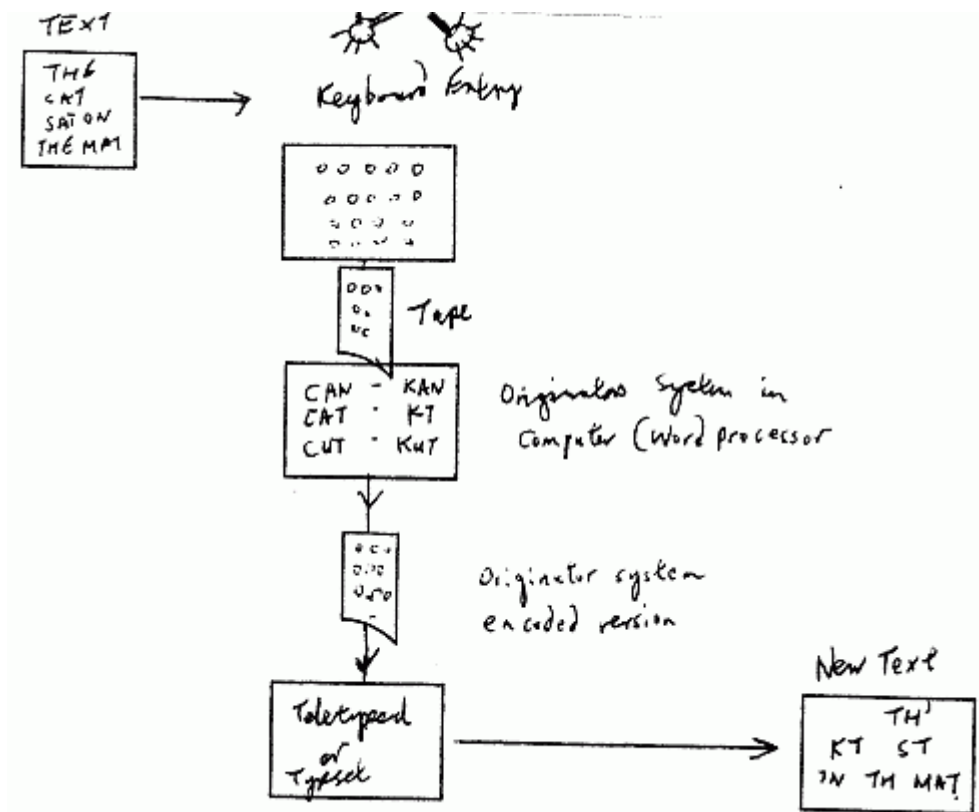
1198. Mrs. G. Williams, South Croydon.

1208. Mrs. M.A. Rashley, Isle of Wight.

(The numbers — Miss M. Cross's invention — are useful after all.)

## 6. COMPUTER TRANSCRIPTION SETUP

Advantages: Free of originator bias Very systematic Efficient Standard conversion techniques Amendable



## 7. ADVERTISEMENTS

**MATE** wanted. Personable female required. Introvert preferred.

Reply in confidence. Gregory Unsworth-Mitchell, 42 Burgoyne Road, Staines, Middlesex.

Tel: Sunbury (76) 85321.

**MISSING PERSON** Reply to Publications Secretary. Christine, age 30. Worked in Chiswick. Born Ealing 1946. Lived Westcliff, 1966 till 1970, then Canvey Island. Now believed to be in Norfolk area. Sought in connection with ceremony performed by Australian Missionary in the Lake District late August 1965 near St. Andrews Church and at Ambleside Registry Office. Five feet four, blond hair, thin, squeaky voice. Daughter Jane similar.

**MISSING PERSON** Julia Webster, 24. Last seen Streatham. Brunette, five feet five. Travelling with short man called Yann, five feet one, dark hair, penetrating gaze, beard.

Sought in connection with problems over a bicycle. Reply Publications Secretary.

**AUCTIONEER WANTED.** Duty to organise Simplified Spelling auction of surplus pamphlets and members chattels. Commission half to vendor, half to Society. Reserve prices can be specified.

**FOR SALE** Brass type. Bargain £350. Apply to Chairman.

**PUBLISHER WANTED:** Novel 'Heaven for Ivette' in need of adoption.

Reply to Publications Secretary.

**PROTESTER WANTED.** Croydon area. Duty to walk round in front of Spillers building at about 8.30 a.m. for an hour and a half, with a placard protesting about non-payment by Hill Price Davison for work undertaken there. Reply to Publications Secretary.

**ART EXHIBITIONS.** Works by SSS members in need of being viewed and displayed. Works for sale. Apply Publications Secretary.

**SPELLS.** Do the sounds of words affect the vibrations of the physical universe and hence matter? Experiments required to test chemical reaction and plant reactions to everyday 'mantras' of uttered sounds. Apply Publications Secretary.

**COMPUTER PUNCHED TAPE ENGINEER REQUIRED** — to help Society build encoding machines. Reply to Publications Secretary.

**STAMPS.** For sale and exchange. Apply Publications Secretary

**TAROT.** Private readings available. Apply Publications Secretary.

**PUBLISHER WANTED.** Spelling and psychology. Apply Publications Secretary. Also psychological enhancement. Former 111 pages, latter 222 pages.

**BEALE CODE.** Information please. Reply to Publications Secretary.

**ANTHOLOGY.** Poems on paper or tape. Also few songs. Publishers and buyers required. Reply to Publications Secretary.

**SAVE WATER.** Ion-exchange process for sale. Apply Publications Secretary. Also polyurethane foam and other plastics and general formulae.

**PARTITION SCHEDULER FOR COMPUTER.** Package (OS/DOS) available, runs on any machine.

**MISSING PERSON.** Gordon Hyde. Yellowish grey hair. Mid sixties. Believed to be in New York area. Five feet seven. Mobile eyes. Distinguished looking. Sought in connection with research papers. Reply Publications Secretary.

**MISSING PERSON.** Cleopatra Nerenisis. Believed to be in West Germany. Mid thirties. Black hair. Sought in connection with her ideas on art promotions and uses of language. (Alias Cleopatra Buthcher) Reply Publications Secretary.

**SOCIETY MINUTE BOOK.** Please send to Records Secretary. Also TRUST DEED.

**ELSIE OAKENSEN** would like to arrange a purely social meeting of members in London or Northampton. Please contact her if you are interested.

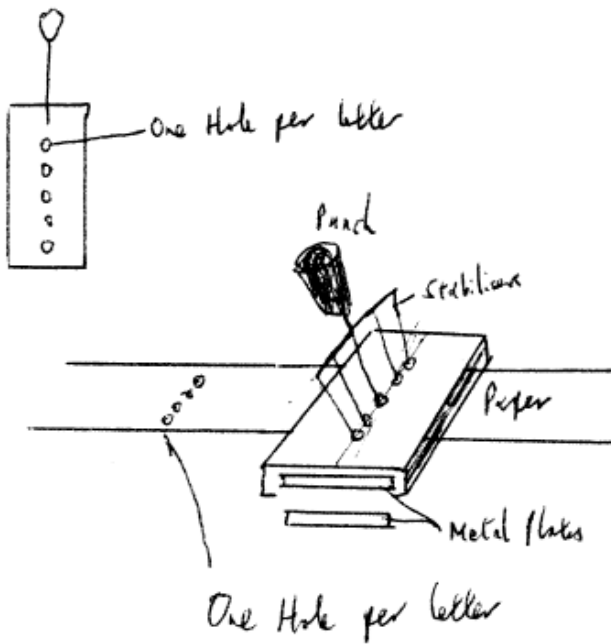
Elsie has also produced a comparison of symbols and characters that could be employed in the trials if the six proposed systems are adopted.

## 8. AT COST COMPUTING

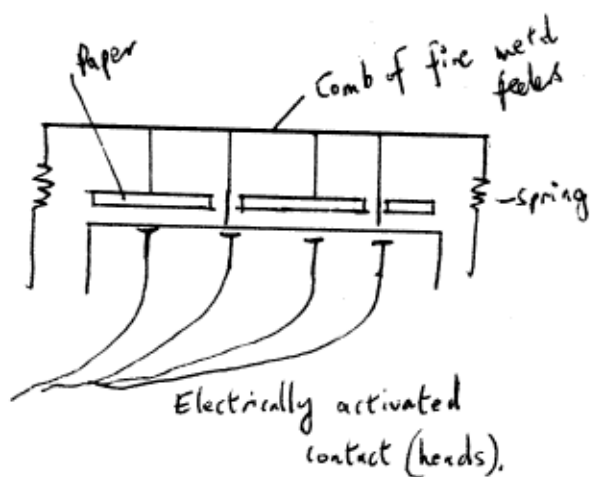
SSS members may be able to use.

### SYMBOL ENCODING-MACHINE

(part 1) PUNCH  
HEAD

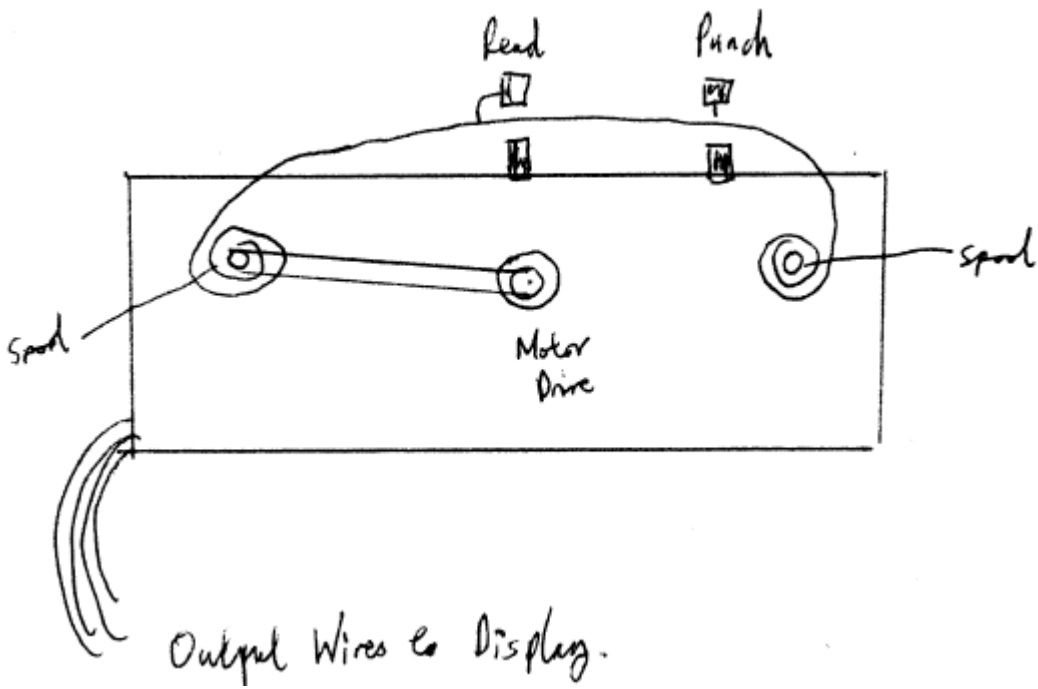


PAPER (HOLE) READER (part 2)

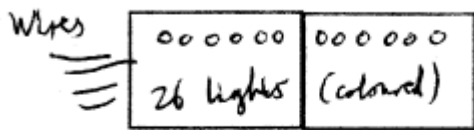


Holes in paper complete electrical circuits: Activate display

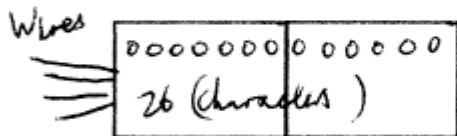




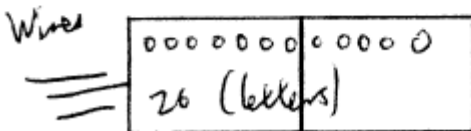
DISPLAYS (Part 4)



SYNAETHESIA (DYSLEXIA)



ORIGINATOR SYSTEMS



ALPHABET DISPLAYS

## 9. The Initial Teaching Alphabet and the S.S.S. by D. Stafford

Our Society (unless I am very much mistaken) is supposed to be concerned with the permanent reform of traditional orthography. This seems to imply that we should focus our interests and energies on those systems that are designed with such a permanent reform in mind. Is the i.t.a. a system of this kind? Surely not! The criteria on which its design was based could hardly have been those of a spelling reform! As its name indicates, it was specifically designed to ease the 'initial teaching' of reading and writing. It is not a system for a spelling reform.

This point is emphasised by an article of mine that was published in the first edition of 'Reading and Spelling'. There, I have proposed that systems of initial teaching media (such as the i.t.a.) be considered as 'category (b)' alphabets, and quite distinct from spelling reforms — which should be assembled under 'category (a)' [\(1\)](#).

In the same article, I have suggested that spelling reformers are those whose primary interests centre on the systems of category (a), which is a point that appears to be utterly self-evident! It is sad to note that certain events in the recent history of our Society reveal the need for simple souls (such as the present author) to state the obvious. Of course, I have in mind the extraordinary (and very puzzling) i.t.a. involvement with Society activities, an involvement that is still not properly documented and explained.

I have not been able to unravel the story of the 'i.t.a. connection', but a brief account of two available items of information that are relevant to the matter may not be out of place.

It appears that there was a period when the i.t.a. had considerable support within the S.S.S., and the 'i.t.a. caucus' was sufficiently powerful to arrange for the S.S.S. to be put "in mothballs". In fact, this condition was imposed on the S.S.S. as official policy! Why? Because "some members feared that any activity might hinder the progress of i.t.a.!" Not surprisingly, "progress by our Society was then difficult" [\(2\)](#).

The comparatively recent presidency of Sir James Pitman is another point to be noted. Sir James is an eminent man, a publisher and a scholar; the sort of person who should add influence to any organisation with which he decides to associate. Unfortunately for the S.S.S., Sir James is also the designer of the i.t.a. and the 'Keystone' of the i.t.a. movement.

Thus, for a number of years, the chief office of our Society was held by a man who had designed and very skilfully publicised a category (b) system that implied the careful preservation of traditional spelling. It appears, by his own admissions, that Sir James did not (and does not) believe in spelling reform [\(3\)](#). (Is it necessary for me to remind readers that the members of our Society are assumed to be supporters of spelling reform?).

The lessons that are to be learned from this little saga are for others to note and to discuss. For my part, I am restricting myself to the comment that the i.t.a. aficionados have every right to pursue their hobby, but the Simplified Spelling Society is not an appropriate organisation for such activity.

### Notes and references

(1) See: 'I.t.a. — An Exercise in futility'; by D. Stafford; in 'Reading and Spelling', edition 1, 1976; published by the S.S.S.

(2) 'Personal Statement' by Mr. W. Reed, dated 14/10/71. Mr. Reed was the retiring Hon. Secretary of the S.S.S. at the time.

(3) See the 'Letters' page ("Spelling reforms will cause confusion" For Sir James Pitman), 'Daily Telegraph', 9/2/74.

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## CENSUS

DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE S.S.S.'s PROPERTY THAT YOU WISH TO RETURN?

DO YOU HAVE ANY S.S.S. PROPERTY THAT YOU WISH TO KEEP?

DO YOU HAVE ANY S.S.S. PROPERTY THAT YOU WISH TO BUY?

	YES	NO
FILING CABINET		
CORRESPONDENCE		
BOOKLETS		
OTHER (Please specify)		

**PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS** should be sent to the Chairman.

**LOST.** 2 copies of paper "Spelling and Transformations" by R.J. Lawler.

Sent to G. O'Halloran for last Conference. Possibly with filing cabinet contents in drawers removed by Ed. Smith after G. O'Halloran's 'resignation' as Secretary at last session.

WHAT SYSTEMS FOR THE S.S.S. TRIALS?

Ideas to the Committee please.

## 10. DEED OF COVENANT

I  
(FULL NAME — BLOCK LETTERS)  
of

HEREBY COVENANT with THE TRUSTEES OF THE S.S.S. TRUST (hereinafter called The Trust) that for Seven years from the date hereof or during my life, whichever period shall be the shorter, I will pay to the Trust on the first day of \_\_\_\_\_ (insert month) in each year such sum as after deduction of Income Tax will leave the sum of £\_\_ (insert sum) from my general fund of taxed income to be applied by the Trust to the general purposes of the Charity known as The S.S.S. Trust.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ ,

SIGNED, SEALED and)

DELIVERED by the)

above-named )

In the presence of

Witness

Occupation

Address

BANKERS ORDER

To (your Bank)

Branch

Address

Please pay to Barclays Bank Ltd. of The Strand, London, W.C.2, for the credit of The Trustees of The S.S.S. Trust now and on the first day of (insert month) in each succeeding year for the next six years

(seven annual payments in all) the sum of £\_\_\_ (insert sum)

Signature

Address

\* This date should not be earlier than the date of the Deed of Covenant.

Please complete both parts of this form and return to: Mona Cross

### **ADVERTISEMENT**

*FOR SALE* Faded Leopard — £50 (stuffed)

### **ORGANISE S.S.S. CONFERENCE**

ANALYSIS OUTPUT

DES	SE	FE	DU	ES	LF	TF	RES
PREPARE SPECIF	START	E010	30	4-OCT-76	12-NOV-76	0	GUID
CHAIR CONFEREN	E070	E090	213	4-OCT-76	27-JUL-77	0	CHAIR
SOLICIT PAPERS	E010	E020	50	15-NOV-76	21-JAN-77	0	PART
SOLICIT AUDIEN	E020	E050	70	24-JAN-77	29-APR-77	0	AUD I
BOOK AUDIENCE	E050	E060	65	2-MAY-77	29-JUL-77	0	BOOK

COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO HELP ORGANISER:

### **ADVERTISEMENT**

Does this magazine frustrate you?

Cure? Harrison-Marks Enterprises, London.

Send SAE for catalogue.

### **OBITUARY**

Elsie Oakensen's beloved father has died. We offer our condolences.

### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

(Adverts)

Non-members of the S.S.S. may advertise free for small adverts. Donations to Mona Cross on response. Thanks.

Larger paid adverts may be accepted if suitable.

(Personal Column)

I cannot understand the purpose of marriage and think that if people cannot rear children without resorting to marriage they should abstain from doing so. Child registration appears to be more acceptable (perhaps even child intention).

If the purpose of marriage is to register an emotional bond then it appears to violate the Sex Discrimination Act.

#### ADVERTISEMENT

S.S.S. Member Joe Power, psychoanalyst, will travel to London area.

### **TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE SSS GET THEM TO JOIN (IN)**

TRY TO GET "READING AND SPELLING" SUBSCRIBED TO BY YOUR FRIENDS, LOCAL NEWSAGENTS AND SCHOOLS.

#### **NOTES ON THE DIAGRAMS**

The computer transcription diagram is a general scheme.

The four diagrams relating to pages 14–17 are conceptual diagrams of a visual aid to give life to talks by originators of systems of orthography and pedagogy.

The device can also be used to store original scripts in punched paper tape (code) form.

The device can be constructed for a nominal amount by a retired engineer in Leigh on Sea, Essex.

The designs for the machine have already been completed and work can be started on construction immediately. The Society is on its honour to consider buying the completed machine (if resolutions 25 & 26 of the Committee Meeting of 2nd October 1976 are upheld the SSS has already agreed to commission them).

#### **NOTES ON ACCOUNTS**

There are two errors on these which have been noticed:

(a) 1974 Balance Sheet, total of Assets adds up to £9397.40 and not £9397.20.

(b) 1974 Schedule of Investments. The 'Net' column adds up to £513.44 and not £503.44..

These are probably typing errors in the intermediate figures, but these are certified accounts and no attempt has been made to correct.

#### **NOTES ON FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

Report by Financial Secretary

The 'ensuing' year mentioned *on* page 3 of the regulations in the past has been from AGM to AGM.

I am in favour of this system, Mona Cross, our Treasurer is in favour of this system.

George O'Halloran, Chairman, would prefer the year to start in January!

Please vote —

THE ENSUING YEAR FOR VOTED EXPENDITURE
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I prefer AGM to AGM
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I prefer year starting in January
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Signed:
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Date:
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Please return votes to Records Secretary, Sunbury, Middlesex by November the 30th 1976.

Further clarifications may be required concerning these financial guidelines.

See also page 6 of Constitution (ref 'ensuing' — 'following' year)

#### NOTE

A supplement to this NEWS SHEET is enclosed —

Notes on Committee Meeting 2nd October 1976, together with voting and agenda paper.