

12 MONTHS FOR CONSTABLE

ASSAULT ON TYPIST

West Hartlepool Office
"Scene"

ACCUSED "AN
IDIOT"

—THE JUDGE

JOHN EDWARD FREEBODY (45), a West Hartlepool police constable, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment at Durham Assizes last night for assaulting a girl typist—Miss Elsie Nellie Doris Roberts—in an office on January 23.

Freebody, who is a married man, was also charged with an attempted offence against the girl, but this was not placed before the jury.

"There are certainly features in this case that are disturbing," declared Mr Justice Goddard in his summing up. "I want to impress upon the jury, however, that we are not trying this man for a breach of discipline. We are told he is a man of 22 years' experience, and he is described by his Superintendent as an excellent officer."

"I think you will very much doubt whether he deserves that description since hearing his evidence. If his conduct on that night—apart from the alleged offence—is an example of his usual conduct then I think the attention of the Chief Constable will be properly called to the matter."

IDLING AND GOSSIPING

"On his own showing he went to this office where there was this young typist alone for what he admits was about a quarter of an hour. His superior officer said he could only be brought up for fiddling his time away and gossiping."

"If that is so, then the sooner the regulations of the Police Force are revised the better."

"It seems to me that in any circumstances this man's behaviour is about as reprehensible as any police constable's conduct could be, and it is very likely to be explained by the fact that on the night in question apparently all the officers and a great many of the men were at a party and whist drive."

"According to the sergeant he was the only person above the rank of constable on duty."

The Judge then went on to say that there was no sort of reflection on the girl's moral character. No one would dream of saying she was a consenting party.

NOT A PARTY

Something might have taken place in the office that night which, in the mind of the girl, who was a bit hysterical, may have been magnified into something that did not take place. But whatever the verdict might be, no one could throw a stone at the girl and say she was a party to the conduct.

"If a police officer of 22 years' experience does such stupid things as to put himself into the compromising position of being in a room on the second floor of a building alone with a girl then I think it is giving him the fullest credit by saying he is about as big an idiot as anyone could be," the Judge added.

Sentencing Freebody, the Judge said he regarded it as "a very serious offence."

STAFFORDSHIRE GIFTS

Help For West Rainton
Needy

It was stated by the Rector (the Rev. W. James) at the annual vestry meeting of St. Mary's Church, West Rainton, last night, that clothing and other goods for needy cases had been received from Staffordshire, and had been distributed with the aid of Mr W. Campion (chairman of West Rainton Parish Council), and others.

New choir stalls had been placed in the church at a cost of £27, it was reported.

There are on the electoral roll 779 names.

The accounts presented by Mr A. C. House showed a deficit of £14 13s 1d.

Officers elected—Rector's Warden, Mr J. J. Bell; People's Warden, Mr J. Rigby; Leamside Chapel, Rector's Warden, Mrs E. E. Carr; People's Warden, Mr T. Gull; Rector's assistant, Mr C. R. Sutherland; Messrs J. Beadham, W. Campion, T. J. Dixon, W. J. Gibney; G. Lackey, J. T. Lackey, E. Lee, G. Palmer, N. Richardson, J. Smith, J. Swinburne; People's sidersmen Messrs P. Berrystone, E. Churchill, J. T. Fenton, W. Fiddum, J. Gibney, J. G. Lackey, J. McKee, G. Wallace, G. Beadham, A. Turnbull, jun., J. Welsh, J. W. Wilson.

Parochial Council, Messrs J. J. Bell, J. Rigby, T. Gull, Mrs E. E. Carr, Mrs James (Mothers' Union), Miss B. Colman (G.P.S.), J. Beadham, Mrs H. S. Bell, Mrs S. Colman, Mrs T. Coulson, T. J. Dixon, J. T. Fenton, Mrs W. Garbutt, Miss E. Garbutt, Mr and Mrs A. Gibney, Mrs T. Gull, Mr A. C. and Mrs F. House, Mrs J. Hardy, Mrs W. Hardy, W. Fishburn, J. G. Lackey, J. T. Lackey, Miss M. Palmer, J. G. Palmer, Mrs J. Richardson, W. Robinson, Dr C. R. Sutherland, Mrs W. Smith, J. Smith, Miss Ivy Sutherland, Mrs A. Turnbull, Mr J. Welsh, Mrs N. A. Welsh.

Phosferine Tonic Wine has remarkable rejuvenating properties which aid the digestive organs, ensure full nourishment and build up the system against the ravages of influenza colds. Phosferine Tonic Wine is supremely beneficial in promoting quick recovery during convalescence.

Sold by Wine Merchants, Licensed Chemists and Stores

Obtain PHOSFERINE TONIC WINE

at MARSHALL'S,

27 & 29 NEW ARCADE.

Guaranteed by Proprietors of Phosferine

Obtain PHOSFERINE TONIC WINE

at MARSHALL'S,

27 & 29 NEW ARCADE.



MR A. D. RAINE

Parish Councils

RYHOPE PUBLIC SATISFIED?

ABSENCE FROM ANNUAL MEETING

SILVER JUBILEE DECISION

Ryhope parishioners are apparently well satisfied with the conduct of affairs in the parish for not one of the general public was present at the annual parish meeting presided over by Mr R. P. Williams in the Council Office last night.

The financial statement presented by the Clerk (Mr G. Brown) revealed that the total receipts for the year, including a surplus of £15 10s 1d from the previous year, were £207 16s 6d. Expenditure was £232 17s 8d, leaving a surplus of £14 18s 10d.

In reply to Mr C. Humble it was stated that the Council offices cost £1,690 when they were built in 1912, and there remained a debt of £507.

At a meeting of the Council which followed the members agreed on the suggestion of Mr Williams to the principle of celebrating the Silver Jubilee, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Sunderland Rural District Council asking them if they intended doing anything in connexion with the event, and to Durham County Education Authority asking if July 6 was to be a general holiday for schoolchildren.

OFFER ACCEPTED

A letter was read from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners offering the Council approximately 2½ acres of land near Ryhope beach for use as a children's playground at an annual rental of £2, and it was decided on the motion of Mr Williams to accept the offer.

Giving the report of a deputation which had met Mr G. Hindson, agent to Ryhope Coal Company, on the question of improving Ryhope streets the clerk stated that Mr Hindson had promised to do everything possible to have the streets put in a better condition.

The Council granted an application of Ryhope Charity Carnival Committee for the use of the recreation field for their annual carnival which is to be held on July 19, 20, 21, and 22.

The annual parish council meeting was fixed for April 9.

SHERBURN DECISIONS

It was decided at last night's meeting of Sherburn Parish Council, presided over by Mr W. Wilson, to organize a celebration of the Silver Jubilee on lines followed previously.

It was agreed to provide the school children with tea and sports, to give mugs as a souvenir of the occasion, while consideration was also given to a suggestion to provide something for aged people.

A further meeting to consider the whole question and to make arrangements was fixed for March 22. It was resolved to ask for the co-operation of the women's organizations, such as the Mothers' Union, Women's Institutes, Women's Bright Hour, and kindred societies to assist with the tea.

NOT TO TAKE PART

Harraton Attitude To Silver Jubilee

Despite the fact that a recent meeting of parish councillors, representatives of Harraton, Hutton, and Joyce Collieries, Ltd., tradespeople, and others, had decided to obtain funds by public subscription to provide for the Silver Jubilee celebrations in Harraton Parish, the annual parish meeting decided not to proceed any further with the arrangements.

This decision was made by reason of the fact that Harraton Miners' Lodge, of which all but two of the parish councillors are members, had resolved to take no part in the scheme.

Mr J. Wilson moved the resolution and there were only four dissentients.

It was decided that subscriptions already received should be returned to the donors.

Morton Grange Parish Council unanimously decided to celebrate Silver Jubilee Day, but the form the celebrations are to take will be decided when the council's representatives—Messrs A. Long and T. A. Bulmer—report on the meeting to be convened by Houghton-le-Spring Rural District Council.

Mr J. W. Cassels, Director of Agriculture for the County, at the annual parish meeting at Great Lumley, explained the poultry scheme for unemployed.

It was decided to adopt the scheme if land can be obtained and if the applicants are suitable.

A precept of £250 for lighting and £100 for general purposes is to be levied.

It was decided to celebrate the Silver Jubilee by a tea for all children under 14, who will also be given a Jubilee mug. There will also be sports for the children.

SUNDERLAND RESOLUTION

Gateshead and Sunderland branches have tabled a resolution for the Independent Labour Party Conference at Easter, declaring that the I.L.P. can best confine its work as an independent revolutionary Socialist Party and be better enabled to gain support from the people by discontinuing day-to-day activities with the Communist Party.

Mr Lloyd George's memorandum to the Cabinet explaining the details of his "New Deal" proposals is expected to be sent to the Prime Minister on Friday.

MERGER PLAN REJECTED

Congregational Unions in North

MOVE BY SUNDERLAND DELEGATES

A MOTION by Sunderland delegates in regard to the amalgamation of the Yorkshire and the Durham and Northumberland Congregational Unions was rejected at the annual Assembly of Durham and Northumberland Union held in Ocean Road Congregational Church, South Shields, last night.

The Assembly had before them the recommendation of the Executive Committee "that the amalgamation of the Durham and Northumberland Congregational Unions with the Yorkshire Union be agreed to in accordance with the general principles of the scheme already submitted."

It was explained that at the last Assembly the proposed amalgamation was referred to the districts and individual churches.

VOTE OF COUNTIES

A referendum through the two counties had resulted in a 61.04 vote in favour of amalgamation.

Of the total of 54 Congregational churches in the two counties 13 voted for amalgamation, 19 voted against, two were neutral, and three did not reply.

In the Newcastle district six of the 27 churches voted for amalgamation, while 17 voted against, two were neutral, and two did not reply.

Nine of the 12 churches in the Sunderland district voted for, two against and one did not reply. In the Darlington district all the 15 churches voted in favour of amalgamation.

There were 6,367 members in the two counties, and the voting expressed in membership showed that 3,590 voted for, 2,231 against, 219 neutral, and 267 did not reply.

There was thus a majority in favour of amalgamation of 1,259.

The percentage of members who voted in favour was 61.04.

SUNDERLAND MOTION

Mr A. D. Raine, of Sunderland, moved a resolution urging that a detailed scheme for amalgamation should be prepared by the United Committee of the two unions for consideration, and amendments, approval, or rejection by the executive committee of the two counties.

Mr Frederick Fox, of Newcastle, was elected chairman-elect, while Mr E. H. Lane, of Southwick, was re-elected treasurer.

The Rev. J. Morda Evans, of Wallsend, was elected secretary, and the Assembly approved the nomination by the Executive of the Rev. Ernest Jones Price, Principal of the Yorkshire United College, for the position of chairman for the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

FIRST COUNTY VALUER

DEATH OF COLONEL JOSEPH SPAIN

The death occurred at Wakefield, last night, of Colonel Joseph Spain, O.B.E., member of a well-known East Boldon family and the first County Valuer to Durham County Council.

Colonel Spain, who was 64, was the son of the late Mr Jacob Spain, of East Boldon, who for many years was superintendent for the Sunderland ship-owning firm of Messrs James Westoll.

At the outbreak of war he was a captain in the 7th Battalion the Durham Light Infantry. While serving in France he rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and he commanded the 6th D.L.I. (Territorial). He retired as Hon. Colonel of the 7th Battalion.

After the war he established a practice as valuer in Newcastle, and it was from Newcastle that he went to his work in Durham—the first county valuer to be appointed in this country.

He was a Fellow of the Surveyors' Institute, a Fellow of the Institute of British Architects, and Chief Advisor to the County Councils' Association on Rating and Valuation. In 1924 he was a member of the Inter-Departmental Committee to inquire into the rating machinery in England and Scotland.

Colonel Spain's comprehensive knowledge of assessments and his intimate knowledge of the new Rates and Valuation Act (1928) gave him a position of particular importance.

In 1927 he was elected chairman of Northumberland and Durham Branch of the Surveyors' Institution, of which he had been a Fellow at that time for 16 years.

Colonel Spain leaves a widow and two sons.

NEWBOTTLE COLLISION

When riding a pedal cycle down Newbottle bank yesterday afternoon, Harry Peel (23), of 8 Sandhole Row, Oxhill, West Stanley, came into collision with a motor combination travelling in the direction of Newbottle. The accident occurred near the Paddock Stile Schools.

Peel was thrown off his machine, and on being examined by Dr A. D. Kelly, of Philadelphia, was found to be suffering from cuts and abrasions of the face and legs.

He was afterwards taken home by bus.

CHARGE ON RATES

Stanley Urban Council last night decided that the £560 damages awarded by Mr Justice Atkinson at Durham Assizes against the Council to Mr James Reeve Rainbow for the destruction of one and the removal of five other caravans from his land at South Moor on October 25, 1933, should become a charge on the rates.

As the product of a penny rate is £295, the damages, together with legal costs, will amount to a 3d increase in the rate.

Husky Throats

Quickly and pleasantly relieved with VICK'S LOZENGES

DELIGHTFUL TO THE TASTE

Coming to NEWCASTLE

MAR. 20-23 NEXT

New Car Models, Sound Films, Music, Working Demonstrations, etc., etc. Book the dates.

HIS MANY TROUBLES

Yorkshireman's Explanation Not Heeded

My brother died and was buried on February 28. The next day my wife went to hospital. Then my father was taken ill. We buried him last Saturday. My mother-in-law has blood pressure and any shock might kill her.

This explanation of the many troubles he had gone through was given by Harry Ingram, of Stanhope Square, Sheepscar Street, Leeds, at Southend-on-Sea Police Court to-day when he was asked why he had neglected to notify the probation officer of his address.

Ingram was accused of non-compliance with the terms of probation following his conviction at Essex Quarter Sessions for house-breaking.

He was sent to prison for twenty days.

It was also stated that a warrant for non-payment of a fine had been out against Ingram for some time and in respect to this he was sentenced to twenty days, to run concurrently with the other sentence.

The Dollar liner President Cleveland is aground off Brooklyn, but is in no danger. There are no passengers on board.

"HASH UP OF WORDS OF THE ACT"

Comment On Sunderland M.O.'s Report

The suggestion that the report of Dr A. S. Hebblethwaite, Medical Officer of Health for Sunderland, was "a hash up of words of the Act," was made to-day at the Ministry of Health inquiry into the application of Jarrow Town Council for confirmation of the North Ward No. 4 Clearance Area.

Dr Hebblethwaite was engaged by the Council to report upon the area.

The "hash-up" suggestion was made by Mr J. Harvey Robson, representing the owners of the houses, who said that they had had no indication of what was being said against their property.

The Council, he declared, had acted in a wholly unreasonable and oppressive manner.

Dr Hebblethwaite admitted, in regard to houses in Shakespeare and Milton Streets, that a very good attempt had been made to repair the houses, but he could not separate the dampness, and he could not forget that dampness was injurious to human health.

Mr William Milburn, jun., architect, of Sunderland, and Mr Edward Maddison, builder, of Jarrow, gave evidence respecting what had been done to the houses.

FEWER BOY SCOUTS

What Census Figures For The British Isles Reveal

"Census figures for the Empire again show a membership increase, but for the first time since the War there is a decrease in the British Isles of 4.24 per cent," states the annual report for the year ended September 30, 1934, of the Boy Scouts' Association.

Scouts of all ranks in the Empire (including British groups in foreign countries) total 905,172, an increase of 34,147 over the figures in the previous report; in Great Britain and Ireland, 459,980, a decrease of 20,399; warrant officers in actual work with groups total 69,746, an increase of 3,922; commissioners (all ranks) at 3,980, show an increase of 176; and local association officials number 25,665, an increase of 1,158.

The income and expenditure account shows a deficiency of £1,720 3s 5d, but during the year legacies and donations amounting to £215,354, is 9d were received and credited direct to the general fund so that the financial strength of the association had been increased materially. The income side of the account showed a decrease of £23,040 and the expenditure side, a decrease of £24,247 10s.

Have a Capstan!



10 FOR 6^d
20 FOR 11^d
Plain or
Cork Tipped

—you'll like it better

For Pipe Smokers WILLS'S CAPSTAN NAVY CUT TOBACCO

READY RUBBED 2-OZ. POCKET AIRTIGHT TIN 2/2

Issued by The Imperial Tobacco Company (of Great Britain and Ireland), Ltd. CC.467