

ores staff enjoy a Xmas break



Bank employees make it a cheery night



A cheery group pictured at the buffet dinner held last night in the Marliffe Hotel by the Aberdeen branch of the National Union of Bank Employees.

CITY COUPLE 65 YEARS WED



Confined to bed on her 65th wedding anniversary... but, it didn't prevent Mrs. Alexander Simpson and her husband enjoying cutting their cake yesterday at their home at 38 Portland Street, Aberdeen.

MARRIAGE BID FAILS AGAIN

A YOUNG couple yesterday failed in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, in their fourth attempt to have an order lifted preventing their marriage. But Lord Hunter, granted them leave to appeal after hearing legal details concerning the marriage ban.

James Pease, an American opera singer, was granted a court order on December 2 preventing his daughter, Martha (19), from marrying Leonard Myers (20), an interior decorator and pop singer, in Scotland.

Later that day four judges of the First Division refused to lift this ban previously imposed by Lord Thomson. Giving his leading opinion, then, Lord Clyde, the Lord President, said that the proper course would be that the rights of this party might be finally and ultimately determined.

Giving judgment at yesterday's hearing, Lord Hunter said that the case appeared to raise for the first time the question of what effect should be given by the Scottish Courts to an order of the Chancery of the Duchy of Lancaster. There was also a special plea that the girl had originally consented to be made a ward of court in England on an application by her father, who would not, therefore, recall the order.

The couple, believed to be of Glasgow, have been restrained from associating and from marrying. Warrants have been granted committing them to prison for contempt of court.

Horse bus

Before his marriage Mr. Simpson was employed as a bus driver. At that time as guard-on a horse-drawn bus which travelled between Peterhead and Boddam.

With him as driver of the bus was his father. Later, Mr. Simpson took over as driver of the bus and when the service wound up he was at the reins on the final journey.

A year after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Simpson moved to Aberdeen, where Mr. Simpson was a fish buyer with the SCWS, retiring when he was 72.

Mr. Simpson, though now hard of hearing, still keeps an interest in the world around him, and he and his wife are still able to move about the house.

Both are members of Ferryhill Community Centre and Mr. Simpson is a Freemason of Lodge St. Clement 688.

The couple have eight children, eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Their next celebration was a telegram from the Queen.

Hard work and good living, said Mr. Simpson with a smile.

Stand by, says Campbell

Donald Campbell, who has been waiting for seven weeks at Coniston (Lake District) to attack his own world speed record of 296 m.p.h., last night gave instructions for his team to be on full stand-by for a high-speed trial run at dawn if the weather is suitable.

Coloured J.P.

Britain's first coloured Justice of the Peace was appointed yesterday. He is Mr. Albert Smith (46).

PICTURES

Stassinos Parakos (33), Leeds Magistrate's Court, of exposing two obscene pictures to view in a public place, the Leeds Institute of Art.

Parakos, of Lucas Street, Leeds, was fined £5 on each of the two charges and was ordered to pay costs not exceeding ten guineas on each.

The elderly magistrate, Mr. John Randolph, said that the intention of the artist was

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irrelevant, as it might recur to him that a picture had a tendency to deprave or corrupt those whose minds were open to such immoral influences.

If one accepted the view of the expert, the works had artistic merit.

He told Parakos: "We take the view that what has happened here has happened largely through ignorance on your part."

AMERICAN'S FREEDOM PLEA IN LENINGRAD COURT

A YOUNG American pleaded for freedom in a Leningrad court last night after the state demanded he should be sent to a labour camp for five years.

Boal Ray Worham (25), of North Little Rock, Arkansas, told the court: "I have brought shame on my country and my community. I regret my actions very much. I think I have learned my lesson."

The former US Army lieutenant, accused of illegally changing money for rubles and stealing a bear sculpture valued at 300 rubles from a Leningrad hotel, made his plea after State prosecutor Alexander Borodankov described his offenses as a grave crime.

The state asked for a 1000 rouble (6500) fine on Worham's traveling companion, Craddock M. Gilmour (26), of Salt Lake City, accused on a single count of illegal money-changing. Gilmour will address the court today, when verdicts will be announced.

Worham, his voice quavering, admitted he was guilty. He said he stole the 25-inch iron bear "strictly on impulse and without consideration of the consequences that might arise" because he thought it would be a good souvenir of Russia.

Worham admitted he had been very immature and pleaded he had already spent 18 days in a Leningrad prison, 70 of them in solitary confinement.

"In those 70 days I had ample opportunity to regret my mistakes. During this time I also became aware of what a precious thing freedom is. The court has the opportunity to grant me this freedom," Worham told the three-member tribunal.

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READY FOR EXPANSION

Aberdeen firm's move in the new year

By TED STRACHAN

AN Aberdeen firm, planning to expand as industry power, hope to move to their new factory on West Tullos industrial estate early next month.

Their move will permit the Ford Motor Company of Canada at Oakville, near Toronto.

Mr. Eddie said that when the electrical business moved to Tullos, the space it occupies at the Leggart Terrace premises would become available for expansion of the motor business.

The firm, Doshridge Electrical Engineers, Ltd., have just been registered as a new company in Scotland. Principals are Mr. A. G. D. Eddie, 14 Ashley Gardens, Aberdeen, and his son, Mr. E. A. Eddie, Cottage No. 2, Wedderburn, near Blair, Turriff.

Their new 3000 square ft. premises will be the second advance factory to be built by Aberdeen Corporation on West Tullos. Mr. Eddie said the factory should be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Eddie and his brother, Mr. Alexander Eddie, started Dee Bridge Service Station in Leggart Terrace in 1944 and have been operating it ever since. "Now we have expanded considerably in each department—motor and electrical—and the electrical department is going off on its own to be run by my son and myself," said Mr. A. G. D. Eddie.

When the West Tullos factory project was first announced, Mr. Eddie estimated that it might lead to doubling of the number of their employees. At that time he employed 12 men on electrical servicing in an area from Shetland to Angus.

Now, even before the move to the new factory, he employs 16 electricians on industrial electrical servicing. "We are trying to build up a first-class service to industries employing rotating electrical machinery," he said. "The more power that is put at man's elbow, the more advanced industry becomes; the more new machines for each service."

In addition to servicing electric industrial machinery the firm are engaged in certain amount of manufacturing. "We make special equipment for anyone who may desire it—anything from a welder to a body and so on. If a special control is wanted for a machine, we may be called in to design it. But it is mainly 'one-off' jobs. We are not manufacturers in the mass-production sense."

His son, who has returned from Canada to join him in the business, contributing insight into the running of automated machinery gained while working in the plant of

SHERTLAND INDUSTRY IN OLD KIRK

A NEW firm who might eventually employ about 20 people manufacturing Shetland knitwear is expected to start work shortly in an old kirk at Walls, Shetland, writes Ted Strachan.

Directors in the firm, Aurora Knitwear (Shetland), Ltd., who have just been registered as a company in Scotland with a capital of £5000 in 21 shares, include the local grocer, doctor and teacher.

They are Mrs. L. Sutherland, Glenelg, Croisling Bridge of Walls; Mr. Christopher C. Twiss, 3 New Road Walls, the local shopkeeper; Dr. Alexander W. Laine, Anderhill, Walls; and Mr. Alexander Pearson, Schoonesdale, Walls.

Mr. Twiss said yesterday that the idea to start the factory came to them when the old Congregational Church, available last May.

The plan was to turn the old church building into a factory equipped with hand-operated knitting machines to work in the wide range of Shetland knitwear.

Experience

"How many we employ will depend on the demand for our garments," he said. "We hope to be able to employ 12 to 20 in the next future, both men and women."

Mrs. Sutherland, he said, already had experience in the Shetland knitwear industry.

He added that there was a need for new industry in Walls, as the old church building was a disrepair. "This will help to bring some extra work into the district," he said.