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ALL PERSONS HAVING ANY CLAIMS or DEMANDS against the Estate of the above deceased, late of 1 Holyoake Terrace, Sunderland, Plumber and Electrician, and all persons owing any moneys to the said Estate are requested to send particulars of such claims and to pay any such debts to us the undersigned forthwith.
Dated this 7th day of October, 1936.
W. MURRAY HUMPHREY & LAMBERT,
14 Waterloo Place, Sunderland.
Solicitors for the Administratrix.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACTS, 1914 & 1926

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE. In Bankruptcy. No. 615 of 1936. Re STANLEY ALFRED BANTON lately trading under the name or style of "Stanley Thoroughgood" at the following addresses: 41 Newington-butts, London, 1-3 St. Paul's Churchyard, London, 36 Cornmarket, Derby, 26 Guildhall St., Lincoln, 60 Smithford St., Coventry, 31 Cross Cheapside, Coventry, 8 Low Ouegate St., York, 38 High St., Kettering, 27 Whitefriargate, Hull, 79a Newborough, Scarborough, 19 Northgate, Darlington, 11 Fawcett Street, Sunderland, described in the receiving order as "S. A. Banton" (male) of and carrying on business at 41 Newington-butts, London, S.E., provision merchant. I, William Henry Cork of the firm of W. H. Cork & Co., of 19 Eastcheap in the City of London, accountants and auditors, hereby give notice that I have been duly appointed and certified by the Board of Trade as trustee of the estate of the above-named bankrupt. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me. Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs of debts to me.
2nd October, 1936. W. H. CORK.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON.

(1) RENT COLLECTOR.
(2) CORRESPONDENCE CLERK.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the appointment of the following:—
(1) RENT COLLECTOR. Applicants must not be less than 25 and not exceeding 40 years of age and must possess clerical experience and knowledge of accountancy and reside within the rural District of Easington.
Salary £160 per annum, rising, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £13 to £208 per annum. The person appointed will be required to devote the whole of his time to the duties of the office. The appointment will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act 1922, and the person appointed will be required to pass a medical examination.
(2) CORRESPONDENCE CLERK. Applicants must be experienced Shorthand-Typists. Salary £3 per week.
Applications on forms obtainable on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope must reach the undersigned not later than 10 a.m. on TUESDAY the 20th day of OCTOBER, 1936.
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J. MORLEY LONGDEN,
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5th October, 1936.

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EDUCATION FOR THE RED MAN

DAYS OF THE WIGWAM SCHOOL OVER

CENTRAL HEATING NOW

The days of the wigwam are over, except for show purposes.

Red Indian children now have their own centrally-heated schools.

Canada appreciates that the Red Indian still has a destiny to fulfil and is doing its utmost to see that he should be given every opportunity to play an active and important part in his country's development. The shacks and tents have been replaced by up-to-date quarters, while the schools which have been built to teach the Indian children the three R's and something more compare well with the educational establishments of any other country.

There are now, according to a return issued by the Canadian Government, 79 residential schools, 270 day schools, and ten combined Indian and white schools in operation. Eighteen thousand Indian children in Canada are enrolled, and of this number 8,900 are in residential schools.

The teachers are highly qualified, while expert instructors in physical training and in vocational courses are attached to each institution. Most of these schools are operated in conjunction with the various Church authorities engaged in Indian work, a scheme which has worked out most satisfactorily.

A typical instance of the care taken in the construction is provided by the Shingwauk Indian Residential School at Sault Ste. Marie. The new building replaces that built in 1875 and is one of the finest in Canada.

STEEL CONSTRUCTION

The school has accommodation for 150 pupils and staff, and is steam-heated and fireproof throughout. The building is of steel construction, with reinforced concrete floors, tile partitions, steel chairs, and fireproof connecting doors.

The outside walls are faced with brick and trimmed with stone. The centre portion contains accommodation in the basement for dining rooms for the pupils and staff, boys and girls recreation rooms, toilets, baths, washrooms, shower baths, etc.

There is a wing at the rear which contains the kitchen, store rooms, boiler room, laundry, and cold storage. On the ground floor are the class-rooms, sewing-room, and staff living quarters, together with a spacious assembly hall.

The first and second floors contain the dormitories, clothing stores, staff bedrooms, and well-planned infirmary for the boys and girls.

Another school with equally imposing equipment is that of the Lebret Indian Residential School in the Qu'Appelle Valley of Saskatchewan, which was opened a month or two ago.

It is indeed a far cry to the days of the old tepee.

Incidentally, there is no foundation for the old illusion that the Indians are a vanishing race. According to the last census Canada had nearly 123,000 of them, a considerable increase on the numbers revealed at the census five years before.

AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE

In 36 years six million people have spent nearly a thousand million pounds on defence.

This is the record, just computed officially, of Australia since federation. The figure is actually £945,000,000, and the Army has been responsible for £830,000,000.

The Commonwealth expects to spend £30,000,000 during the current financial year.

The Federation of Master Saddlers, at a meeting at Saddlers' Hall, Cheapside, passed a resolution renewing its protest against the proposal of the Ministry of Transport to ban horse traffic from certain streets in London.

Sunderland Echo

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1936.

281 days past. Days to come, 84.
Sun rose, 6.27; sets, 5.23.
Moon rises, 1.45; sets, 2.49.
New moon, Oct. 15, first quarter, Oct. 23.

MOWBRAY PARK REPORT

Readings taken at 9 a.m. to-day:—
Barometer, 30.274. Thermometer: Dry, 51; wet, 47; maximum, —; minimum, 44. Wind, N. Rainfall, —.
Readings taken yesterday:—
Barometer, 30.328. Thermometer: Dry, 46; wet, 43; maximum, 53; minimum, 40. Wind, W.N.W. Rainfall, .02.

What We Think

Sunderland Demands Protection

SOCIALISTS do not realize that in politics as in other things we live in an age of realism. Hedged round with restrictive interpretations so that no one will imagine His Majesty's Opposition is for once in favour of Government policy, rearmament has been recognized as necessary.

There has been little attempt to conceal the central reason for the change of attitude on this latter question. Socialists want votes and they realize that no party can get them which fails to recognize the need for more adequate defences.

Allied to defences of a more vital character is the question of precautions for the safety of the civilian population, especially against gas.

The antipathy of national Socialism for rearmament has been reflected locally in marked fashion. Nothing has been done in Sunderland to meet the suggested provisions of the Home Office. Presumably at the municipal elections next month the Socialists will want votes.

We suggest to the people of this town that they should make the question of anti-gas precautions a vital issue in the local elections.

Merely because of political prejudice there is no reason why the people of Sunderland should be denied precautions common to the rest of the country.

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WE are not concerned with, nor should the people of the town accept, the reasons which the majority of the Council put forward for its neglect.

Sunderland has a right to such safety measures and precautions as can be devised even though it is impossible to guarantee complete immunity.

On humanitarian ground they must be made to act, and the electors must see that they or their successors do act.

If the Socialists won't do what the people require then replace them at once. When it was proposed that the visit of the Cairo should be ignored the town rose in its wrath.

Well, it can rise again to good purpose, namely, the safety of men, women, and children from the dangers of gas attacks. If this part of the country, as we are told is likely to prove more vulnerable than others, there is every reason why Sunderland should be among the first to accept the greatest measure of safety which science can give.

Let there be no hesitation. Delay and prevarication have gone far enough.

The time for action is now. Vote on November 2 for the safety promised and which the Socialists have refused.

Communists Repulsed

THE significance of the Labour Party's rejection of proposed affiliation with the Communists in Great Britain ought not to be over-estimated. Edinburgh turned down the resolution by a decisive majority yesterday, but it is idle either to pretend that this is the end of Communism's assiduous courting of the rational Socialist element, or, indeed, that the vote truly reflects Communism's influence upon the movement it hopes one day to capture.

Behind the wild welcome of clenched fists and the dismal strains of "The Red Flag" with which the Spanish delegates were greeted may be detected a distinct drift towards extremist sympathies, even though the day has yet to come when Socialism will be twiddled round the little fingers of the essentially alien leaders of a wholly alien movement.

The Edinburgh Trades Council man who, advocating affiliation, declared that Communism has become a dynamic force in world affairs, spoke nothing but the truth. We question whether the shaky fabric of British Socialist policy will for long be able to withstand the assault; an assault all the more effective because it has discarded its battering ram tactics in favour of the meek cloak of Popular Front necessities. It is Communism, not Socialism, that stands to gain by such a merger.

Yet independent Socialism has its sane stalwarts. Mr Rhys Davies, M.P., an out and out Socialist, voiced a timely warning when he reminded delegates of Communism's internal manœuvres; more important, when he rejected the assumption that the British Labour Party is incapable of conducting its own affairs without the persistent assistance of the Soviet Government.

It is curiously true that whereas it is from Socialist ranks comes the loudest hubbub to-day about the European challenge to democracy it is among those same ranks that the fast and loose game is being played with the most ruthless challengers of all.

If ever affiliation comes about the Labour Movement will lose much more than its independence. It will lose itself.

7th BATTALION D.L.I. LANDMARKS—No. 3.

Sunderland Will Ever Remember Its Own Soldiers

Activities as Territorial Unit Since the Passing of the 3rd Durham Volunteers in 1908 When Major (later Lt.-Colonel) Ernest Vaux Took Command — War-time Pioneer Battalion —and to Become a Searchlight Unit

By MAJOR MARK STOREY

Concluding the series Landmarks in the history of the 7th Battalion Durham Light Infantry. Previous articles appeared on September 24 and October 1.

Lieut.-Colonel Ernest Vaux and officers of the battalion at the 1914 camp at Conway.

IN 1870 Lt.-Col. Gourley resigned the Lieutenant Colonelcy and became Hon. Colonel, and Major William Bramwell Ferguson took command, and shortly afterwards Captain Thomas Reed was promoted Major.

In the year 1873, Lt.-Col. Ferguson resigned and Lieut.-Colonel Gourley, having resigned the Hon. Colonelcy, was reappointed Lieutenant Colonel to command the unit, a rather unique occasion. Col. Gourley remained in command for many years, and some Sunderland folk may remember regimental events which happened, e.g., the presentation of prizes in the Old Assembly Hall in Sans Street and at the Theatre Royal; assaults at arms at the Athenæum; inspections on the Town Moor by the O.C. Barracks Colonel, Lord J. Taylourson, near the Octagon Cottage; Shrove Tuesday, Whit-Monday, and New Year's Day parades; The Volunteer Review at York (1880) when the conditions were very trying owing to the heat and lack of water, etc.; musketry practice at Ryhope; church parades at 6.0 in the evening, etc.

The strength of the ranks was about 350 to 450. An ambulance class was formed in 1879 by the Medical Officer, Dr James Murphy.

New Drill Hall

We now come to 1880 when the old Drill Hall in Gill Bridge Avenue was abandoned and the present one (since remodelled) built in Livingstone Road. Funds for the purchase of the land were raised by public subscriptions and by a bazaar, and the foundation stone was laid by Mr (afterwards Sir) James Laing.

Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Reed, some time afterwards, assumed command and among the officers still remembered were Majors Peters and Stack, the brothers Peacock and Harrison, Captain Liston, Lieut. E. C. Dobinson, Surgeon Capt. Nattrass, and others.

At this time the battalion had become the 3rd Volunteer Battalion D.L.I., and performed its annual training in camp, and it is believed the first Volunteer Camp was at Morpeth. How many remember the camps (then at Whitsuntide) in the snow on Brackenbury Moor, Appleby, and at Seaton Carew, where the Brigadier was Colonel Havelock Allan? It was this Brigadier who startled a well known disciplinarian (then in command of the Battalion, and who afterwards became a dignified Alderman) by galloping his horse on to a railway platform and bawling out in the presence of the latter's troops, "Tell that bag of stationery I want him!"

End of Volunteers

The Boer War was the next event of importance and many of the old 3rd Battalion went to South Africa with a composite company and served with distinction and received the freedom of the borough on their return.

Among the officers serving about this time were Colonel Peters (who had succeeded Colonel Reed), Majors Parker (Adjutant) and Fred Wilson, Captains Jacques, C. B. and F. H. Skinner, Lieuts. M. Moore, P. P. Wilson, G. S. Coatsworth, F. A. Hopper, and R. J. Green, Surgeon Captain J. C. Fenwick, Lieut. and Quartermaster John Lyons.

Many will remember the Wednesday evenings during the summer months when the Sunderland Rifles, as they were still called, paraded for drill and inspection at the Ashbrooke ground. The musketry range was at Harton.

Of the N.C.O.'s one recalls Regimental Sergeant-Majors Liebrecht (afterwards Captain) and Ward, Colour Sergeants Stoker (afterwards Regimental Sergeant Major), Irwin, Collinson-Hunter, Sharp, Church, "Sammy" Stenton, "Dolly" Grey, Curry "Barney" McGorrigan, Sergeants Renton, Coates, Cuthbertson, R. Scott, and Reay (popularly known as "Colonel Reay"), Colour-Sergeant (afterwards Captain) W. McBeath, and last but not least R.Q.M.S. Blenkinsopp, who is still with the Battalion.

Lieut.-Col. J. T. C. Bolam (solicitor) commanded the Battalion for a short period, but unfortunately died. The colonelcy next devolved on Lieut.-Col. W. J. Evans, M.A., head master of the Boys' High School, and he was in command of the Battlion on April 1, 1908.

First "Terriers"

This date saw the end of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion D.L.I., and the establishment of the 7th Durhams as a Territorial Unit, and it might be of interest if the names of the Volunteer Officers serving on that date, all of whom transferred to the new unit, were given. Many made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War or have passed over.

There were, so far as can be remembered, present on that evening of March 31, 1908, who took part in the memorable ceremony at the Garrison Field of saying goodbye to the Volunteers and welcoming the Territorials, Hon. Col. Thomas Reed; Lieut.-Col. W. J. Evans; Major E. S. Strangways; Captains Maurice Moore, Joseph Spain, Charles W. Hines, Robert B. Harrison, and Frederick M. Wawn; Lieutenants William Priestly, G. S. Waller, Albany H. Farrow, Charles E. Thompson, J. Lowes Thompson, A. H. P. Equance, Robert Dawson, Mark Storey, and M. Erik Mail; Surgeon-Captain R. E. Beveridge, Surgeon-Lieutenant W. B. Miltanke; Chaplain Rev. T. Randell, Adjutant Captain Oakes, Q.M. and Hon. Lieut. John Lyons.

There were then six companies and a cyclist company, but the last named was subsequently absorbed by the Northern Cyclist Battalion and two companies from South Shields with their officers were detached from the 5th Volunteer Battalion D.L.I. at Gateshead and added to the establishment of the eight companies in all, each company consisting of about 125 N.C.O.'s and men.

The last volunteer camps held were respectively at Conway, Castletown, and Ripon (1907). At this last-named camp General Baden-Powell was the Divisional Commander. The present Colours were presented to the Battalion on October 23, 1909, by the Mayoress of Sunderland, Mrs A. F. Young, and this event took place at the Drill Hall, Garrison Field.

Colonel Vaux

Almost the first occasion on which these Colours were seen in public was some months afterwards when they were carried with the Battalion on the occasion of the Proclamation in Sunderland of the Accession of King George V., which was read at the Town Hall, Fawcett Street; Exchange Buildings, High Street East; The Wheat Sheaf, Monkwearmouth; and The Green, Bishopwearmouth.

In March, 1910, Colonel Evans's tenure of command expired and Major Ernest Vaux, then recently retired from the local artillery, was asked by the officers of the 7th Durhams to take command of the Battalion, and accordingly he came "back to the Army again," was gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel and was in camp with his unit at Conway in August, 1914, when the War commenced, and camp was broken up.

The Battalion returned to Sunderland on August Bank Holiday, 1914, and mobilized at the Garrison Field on the following Wednesday, and the same evening went on Coast Defence, the troops being billeted at the Docks, Pottery Buildings, etc.

Various moves were made, viz., East Boldon billets, Ravensworth Camp, Gateshead Schools, Scotts House, West Boldon, etc., and eventually the first line of the Battalion went to France from Gateshead on April 19, 1915, where, as is well-known, Lieut.-Colonel Vaux and his officers, N.C.O.'s and men, distinguished themselves and gained many honours in battle.

During their sojourn in France they became a Pioneer Battalion wearing the emblem of the pick and shovel, an honour well earned and highly appreciated.

Second Line Formed

Lieutenant-Colonels Bradford and Birchall also commanded the Battalion in France with distinction.

Meantime the second line was formed under Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. Bowman, and they were billeted in the schools at Bentinck, Newcastle, Hudson Road, James William Street, and Hendon Valley Road, Sunderland.

This line performed its drills on the Town Moor (history repeating itself) and was employed on coast defence from the river to Grangetown with billets on the South Pier, Fish Quay, Robinson Terrace, the old Lifeboat House at Grangetown etc.

This unit subsequently, before proceeding South, was in camp at the Leam Felling at Byker, Catterick, etc. It was from the Leave Camp that it marched past King George V and Lord Kitchener on Newcastle Town Moor when owing to possibility of air raids the venue was kept secret. It ultimately served in Russia. It is of interest that it was also commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel D. P. Wilson, an old Volunteer officer who rejoined at the outbreak of war. The third line under Lieut.-Col. J. P. Wardle trained and provided drafts of officers N.C.O.'s and men for France and also was the unit to which wounded and disabled men from France returned before proceeding abroad again.

They mustered at Houghton and were billeted there at Houghton Hall, the Grammar School, the Wesleyan Chapel, etc., and many will remember passing through the hands of Sunderland's own caricaturist—Captain Wade—who had been wounded with the first line in France and who on being invalided home did such excellent work on the parade ground on the Lake at Houghton with the recruits. Another invalided first-class N.C.O. from the first line was Orderly Room Sergeant Jesse Habgood (afterwards R.Q.M.S.) who reigned supreme at Houghton Hall.

This Third Line subsequently moved to Byker Schools and afterwards to Bedlington Camp, where two very fine companies of the Cyclist Battalion with their officers merged into the battalion which ultimately was absorbed by the Brigade Third Line and went to Catterick and afterwards to Hornsea.

Glorious Traditions

Space does not permit of the excellent records of the 7th Durhams on the field, and for this the reader is referred to the history of the Brigade of which the Battalion formed part.

After the Great War the old Drill Hall at the Garrison Field, originally built to accommodate 300, was remodelled and accommodated the present Battalion, which has since the War been commanded respectively by Colonels A. H. Birchall, M.C., W. F. Laing, M.C., and L. Laing, T.D.

The late Colonel Joseph Spain, T.D., became the Honorary Colonel, and the officer who now holds that honour being Colonel W. B. Greenwell, the present Brigadier, and the Officer Commanding is Lieut-Colonel R. Horan, T.D., who, and whose successors, have the best wishes of the townspeople of Sunderland in their new work. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that the Battalion possesses some fine pieces of plate, including a silver cup presented and inscribed by the Mayor and Corporation of Sunderland in 1877.

The glorious traditions of the 7th Durhams and its gallant men will ever be remembered by the people of Sunderland and it is pleasing to note that in their new designation the 47th Durham Light Infantry A.A. Searchlight Battalion they will still retain the name of the Durham Light Infantry.

From a Window in Bridge Street

MR W. McKeag, ex-M.P. for Durham City, who is representing 29 local authorities at the London and North-Eastern Railway Company's application to the Northern Traffic Commissioners for the discontinuance or modification of 12-journey bus tickets had a protracted duel yesterday with Mr P. A. Harverson, Northern Divisional Passenger Manager of the L.N.E.R.

Mr McKeag had been questioning Mr Harverson regarding the lack of rail facilities between various places in the Northern Traffic Area, and Mr Harverson confessed ignorance of the existence of some of the places mentioned. He explained that he could not be expected to be familiar with every village in his area, which extends from Berwick-on-Tweed to Doncaster.

"Do you know of the existence of Whickham?" asked Mr McKeag.

"No," replied Mr Harverson, parodizing Euclid's definition of a point, "but it is probably a place with position but little magnitude."

Sir John Maxwell, Chairman of the Commissioners then jocularly entered the "fray." "Perhaps you do not realize," he remarked to Mr Harverson, "that Mr McKeag lives at Whickham!"

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Overlooked?

MR Harverson admitted knowing of the existence of Sunderland "because it has a famous football team."

It is unfortunate that he presumably does not know of the existence of the town for another reason more intimately connected with the L.N.E.R.—that it possess probably the dingiest and dirtiest railway station between the aforesaid Doncaster and Berwick-on-Tweed!

However, one must be thankful for small mercies and applaud the L.N.E.R. for removing the disgustingly antiquated drinking fountains from the station platforms and replacing them with something more hygienic and modern.

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Educational Puzzle

THE Trustees of the Miners' Welfare National Students' Exhibitions Fund has awarded 19 exhibitions for the year 1936, but none has been given to a Durham student.

Wales and Yorkshire share the majority of the awards, which are made on scholastic attainments achieved by miners or members of miners' families.

Officials of both the coal trade and the Durham Miners' Association are unable to account for the failure of the County to figure in the successes. Notices to intending applicants were posted at every colliery, and although it is not known how many eligible candidates sent their names to the central committee in London for interview, the officials are surprised that Durham, with its good record in welfare and educational work, has not met with some measure of success.

This inexplicable state of affairs, incidentally, has been in existence for the past few years.

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Football Broadcast

FOR the second time in the history of Sunderland A.F.C. a running commentary on one of its games is to be given. The occasion is the Football Association Charity Shield match between Sunderland and Arsenal on the last Wednesday of this month, when the second half will be broadcast.

This will be the fourth occasion on which a broadcast relating to the Sunderland club has been featured on "the air."

The first time was when the Sunderland-Birmingham Cup-tie was commented on from Leeds five years ago.

The second was last Christmas, when Mr John Grayston described the early days of the club, and the third when Alex Hastings, Sunderland's captain, told Northern listeners how the team won the League championship last season.

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Eye-Witness Account

SUNDERLAND and district Peace Council has obtained an unusual speaker for their meeting on Monday on "Spain and World Peace." The speaker, Monsieur Pierre Robert, has been the special correspondent in Spain for the French trade union daily paper "Le Peuple," and he has just returned from conducting a convoy of medical supplies from the French trade unions to the Spanish Government.

Switzerland is his native country, but he lived in Germany for several years. Although he returned to Paris in 1932, he kept in close touch with his German friends and was active in working against the Nazis.

In November, 1933 he was betrayed by spies, arrested and sentenced to 30 months' hard labour.

On his release in June of this year Monsieur Robert was expelled from Germany.

He will be able to give an eye-witness account of the Civil War in Spain.

The other speaker at the meeting will be Mr Sam Watson, who was recently elected as agent for the Durham Miners' Association.

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Old Well Revealed

THE Mayor of Durham (Councillor W. H. R. Gray) announced to the members of the City Corporation yesterday that during the demolition in Framwellgate the old market place had been cleared and the actual Fram Well had been unearthed.

The well bore the inscription "W. H.", and the date was 1671.

It was not, he said, the name of the Mayor of that period, and it was possible that it represented the name of the Bishop's bailiff.

The well was of red sandstone, and and the houses were built round the well. This "find" has created considerable interest in the city.

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Example to Sunderland

A WEARSIDE motorist who, like many others, considers Sunderland is sadly lagging behind in the matter of car parks, gives me details of parking facilities provided at Norwich, where he has been on holiday.

Although considerably smaller than Sunderland, Norwich has several more car parks, and for sixpence a motorist may enjoy the use of them all for the day.

Incidentally, the back of the park ticket contains useful information regarding places of historic interest and natural beauty in the district.

In addition, attendants have instructions to direct motorists to places which visitors generally wish to see.

The result is that people who are in the city for a short stay have opportunity to make the best use of the limited time at their disposal.

THE LOOKER-ON

DAILY SMILE

IN a bar sitting-room a member of the company was holding forth with an entire disregard for the truth; so bad were his exaggerations that another member, looking solemnly at the speaker, said, "Mister, ah think ye're a relation o' King Lear!"

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