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COUNCILLOR HITS OUT AT EXPENSES CRITICS

WARWICKSHIRE county councillors who receive expenses and allowances earn every penny and deserve more, it was claimed today.

They are not just in the job for what they can get, said County Councillor Fred Watson of Nuneaton. He said a false impression had been given last week when a table of members' expenses was published. "I have no qualms about this information being made public, it should be. But just looking at the table and thinking we should all do it for the same amount. They believe councillors claiming the most are only in it for what they can get, when in fact they are the people doing the most work."

County Councillor Watson was third in the Expenses and Allowances table. Since April 1 he has claimed £288, an average of £24 a week. He said £24 went in tax, £73 travelling expenses, £28 subsistence, and £8 a week to pay a person to help run his Attleborough shop while he was away on council business.

Coun. Watson, who sits on 11 committees and sub-committees and many other boards and panels, also has to visit schools, hold residents' surgeries for his constituents and see ward matters at Attleborough.

It has been estimated that in a full year Warwickshire County councillors will claim between £25,000 and £30,000.



Count. Watson... "It is having the effect that people are not trusting councillors as they have done."

Sunseekers watch Cyprus political situation

HOLIDAYMAKERS booked for Greece or Turkey were anxiously watching political developments today.

A spokesman for Horizon Midlands Ltd., one of the biggest tourist operators in the area, said the situation today looked "more hopeful" after news of the ceasefire in Cyprus. But at least one local holiday-maker was disappointed, and had his flight to Greece cancelled. Mr. Christopher Cook, general manager of Automotive Products, of Leamington, was told yesterday that his flight had been cancelled, and alternative holidays were being considered by the operators. Impulse Holidays Ltd., of London.

Alternative Mr. Cook, of 7, Beech Drive, Thurston, had booked a 200-week holiday on the island of Spetia with his wife.

"Up until Saturday we were told it was still on, but the invasion of Cyprus by Turkey obviously changed the operators," he said.

He had been hoping that the situation were considering alternative holidays, or a refund of money, for those who had booked on the original trip. A meeting of the tour operators in London today should resolve the situation for people planning to fly out to Greece or Turkey at the end of the week.

Decision Mr. Bruce Tanner, chairman of Horizon Midlands Ltd., said the company had a flight of 123 passengers booked for Greece on Friday, and one to Crete next week.

"We will be making a decision either later today or early tomorrow about these two flights," he said.

Company contacts on Corfu and Crete had told him that the situation there was uncertain, although some of the hotel staff had been called up and Corfu Airport had been closed for a couple of days.

House hit by thieves "Vindictive" thieves ransacked a house in Profit Avenue, Bell Green, Coventry, while it occurred on a holiday last week.

A clock, a ring and an assortment of jewellery, worth together £20, were stolen from the house.

Police said damage caused during the search was beyond that of theft in the normal course of this.

Cash box raid A cash box containing £42 was stolen from a house in Widdrington Road, Radford, Coventry, on Saturday night.

A TV meter was also forced open and the contents taken during the break-in.



Robin and Eileen Ashmore and their baby James... a picture taken in Limassol.

Worried family r son's cabl

A WARWICK family, anxiously waiting for news from their son in war-torn Cyprus heard yesterday that he was safe and well.

Mr. Robin Ashmore, a teacher in Limassol, sent a cable to his parents at 84, Enscote Road, Warwick, telling them that he, his wife Eileen, and their eight-month-old son, James, were in the British base at Akrotiri. The telegram said: "We are all well and safe in Akrotiri. Will get in touch as soon as possible. Love all. Mr. Denis Ashmore, said: "It's great news. We are all very relieved."

Mr. Ashmore was due to fly to Cyprus on Wednesday for a holiday with his wife, Eileen, and Andrew, Robin's youngest brother. Mrs. Ashmore said today: "We don't know if they will be returning to England. Eileen is a R.F.N. and she may be needed out there."

Robin (27) has been teaching in Limassol for two years. His pupils include children of service families as well as local children. Before going to Cyprus he was a teacher at the school at R.A.F. Gaydon, near Warwick, which teaching appointments at the Training College. The flat of their son lived was rented from Lord. Mr. and Mrs. their son was Cyprus and signed on for duty. Tourists to Cyprus continue into Britain. There were many with...

Brother and sister A45 crash victims

Evening Telegraph Reporter

A WEEKLY trip to a Braunston ballet school ended in tragedy on Saturday for a Kenilworth brother and sister.

They were killed in the triple fatal car crash on the A45 near Braunston. Their 16-year-old sister escaped unhurt.

Simon Raque (18), of Knowle House, Knowle Hill, Kenilworth, was taking his two sisters, Sharon (13) and 16-year-old Sarah to their weekly dancing lesson when the accident happened.

He was driving his father's car. Simon and Sharon died when the car was in collision with a car in which a passenger, Mrs. Vera Maria Sjogren from Sweden, was also killed.

Five people were injured in the accident, which blocked the A45. It took firemen more than 1½ hours to release one trapped victim.

Ballet ambition Simon, who had just completed his A-levels at Kenilworth Grammar School, was going on to university in October.

Sharon, who also attended the grammar school, had ambitions of being a ballet teacher.

A friend of the family said today that the Raques had lived in Kenilworth for about three years.

The children's father, Mr. Omar Raque, is a director of COVRAD at Gaisley. He is also vice-chairman of Kenilworth Grammar School's parent-teacher association.

Three of the five injured were still in Rugby Hospital of St. Cross today and all were said to be improving.

Injuries The are Mr. Steke Sjogren (41), suffering from leg injuries; Rosemary Sjogren (17), also leg injuries and Christine Purdie (17) with back and face injuries.

Sarah was treated at hospital, but was later allowed home. Another passenger, Gillian Bates, of Rounds Hill, Kenilworth, was also admitted and later discharged.

Inquests will be opened in Rugby on Wednesday.

Mr. E. C. W. Chapman, deputy head of Kenilworth Grammar School, said: "This is a very great tragedy and



COUN. BRYAN COLLINS dumped a heavy sack of rubbish in the back of the refuse collection vehicle, and looked at his feet. "They're killing me," he said.

If helping out with a refuse collection round sounds an extraordinary way to spend a holiday, then doing it unpaid is even more incredible.

Coun. Collins, an engineer at Coventry Climax Engines Ltd., became a volunteer chairman for a day today because as a member of the city's Public Works Committee he wanted to find out what the job really entailed.

He reported for duty at 7 a.m. at the city engineer's department in Poleshill Road, and prepared for the worst.

Break He donned the sturdy trousers and gloves — part of the refuse collector's uniform — and set off to make up the number on a team who were one man short.

There were no objections from the unions or officers to his helping out on a round, so here I am," he said.

In the first four hours of collecting rubbish from about 100 properties in the Cheylesmore area, he was loaded on to the vehicle tons of refuse, the vehicle went to Nuneaton to unload, giving the collectors a few minutes' rest.

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But Coventry. It's not a particular these plastic bags were the only way to handle refuse. He found the residents very pleasant towards collectors, with an occasional offer of refreshments on route.

Accompanying the councillor on his round were the driver, Mr. Hugh Tweedie (47), and collector Mr. Richard Curries (35). Mr. John Roche (21), and Mr. Alec Bennett (54).

Emphatic

Coun. Collins (28) said he was also convinced that plastic sacks were the only way to handle refuse. He found the residents very pleasant towards collectors, with an occasional offer of refreshments on route.

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Cheeky thief

A FROUD Coventry gardener woke up today to find that someone had dug over his back garden for him. Mr. Alex Kennerly's pleasure was soon replaced by sorrow and anger when he realised that all his flowers had been removed. He dug up the plants and found one was gone. Kennerly's pleasure was soon replaced by sorrow and anger when he realised that all his flowers had been removed. He dug up the plants and found one was gone.

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Wounding remand

Philip Gowman (28), of 12, Starley Road, Coventry, who is accused of maliciously wounding Joseph McConomial in Coventry last Tuesday, was remanded in custody for eight days by Coventry Magistrates today.

Mr. William Wilson, M.P., defending, applied unsuccessfully for bail. Legal aid was granted.

Window attack

Damage of £80 was caused when a brick was thrown through the display window of a Coventry electrical shop on Saturday night.

Nothing was stolen from the shop, Fisher's Rentals, in Adelaide Street.

Bakery break

Flour was strewn around the floor and foodstuffs damaged during a break-in at Spillers French Baking Ltd., in Torrington Avenue, Coventry, during the weekend. Police believe children were responsible.

Watch taken

A watch worth £25 was taken when a house at 8, The Mill Road, Leicester Clarendon, Coventry, was broken into during the weekend.

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