

Letters

Candidate queries kiosk claim

I WAS intrigued to see in a recent copy of your newspaper a report that Mrs Castle had obtained, in a fortnight, a telephone kiosk for the Queen's Park deck access flats.

From my experience in such matters, the minimum time required to choose a site and install such a kiosk is several months. It would appear that the Member of Parliament for Blackburn has tried to claim credit for something which had been planned sometime before her entry into the affair.

Perhaps she, or her representatives in the town, might produce evidence to back up this claim that Mrs Castle was instrumental in obtaining the erection of this kiosk.

CHRISTOPHER FIELDEN, prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Blackburn, Mather Fold, Blackburn Road, Egerton.

Equal pay

BARBARA CASTLE stated in a recent speech that by 1975 all women will be on equal pay with men. But to me all this seems rather vague.

Assuming that women get equal pay with men, what happens then? Will they pay the same National Insurance contribution as men? Will they work to the age of 65, the same as men? Or if the job they are doing requires shift work or a certain amount of overtime, will they be prepared to do this the same as men?

Equal pay by all means.

Car that had no insurance was Mrs Savundra's

PUSHPAM SAVUNDRA, attractive wife of Dr Emil Savundra, jailed former head of the crashed Fire, Auto and Marine Insurance Company, allowed her 12-year-old car to be used without insurance.

Handled copper —jailed

A SERIES of thefts of copper wire used in overhead telecommunications on the Blackburn-Bolton railway line was mentioned by Inspector Jack Horsfall, prosecuting at Darwen.

Kenneth Joseph Redfern, (25), of Tockholes Road, who admitted handling stolen copper wire, was sent to prison for six months, the sentence to run concurrently with a six-month suspended sentence imposed on him last year for receiving.

Inspector Horsfall said that following the thefts of the wire, it was found that some had been sold to a Blackburn scrap dealer for £40.

Redfern, questioned by Detective Constable Thomas Watkinson, of British Transport Police, said: "I have not cut any wire—the only handling."

Later he said: "One day I went round with a gang whom I am not prepared to name, looking at the wire on the railway. I did not go with them when they did the job."

In a statement, he admitted that he went with a man to Blackburn to dispose of some wire.

Redfern, married with four children, asked the court for another chance for his children's sake.

Radio Blackburn

And when the driver had an accident, that led to 40-year-old Mrs Savundra appearing before Bowland magistrates at Clitheroe.

For allowing 18-year-old former Stonyhurst College student Roger Kinsella, of St Leonard's Hill, Windsor, to use the Wolseley car while uninsured she was given an absolute discharge.

Mrs Savundra, of Ousley Road, Old Windsor (Berks), pleaded not guilty. She was not represented.

She said that in 17 years of driving she had only one previous conviction — for parking.

"I had got involved in something I was not responsible for doing," Mrs Savundra told the magistrates yesterday.

Kinsella pleaded guilty to using the vehicle without insurance and was fined £5.

Mr W. G. Greenwood, for Kinsella, said that Mrs Savundra's sons, who were students at Stonyhurst, were friends of Kinsella.

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On June 15 Mrs Savundra attended the annual dance at the college and Kinsella, who had been baby-sitting for the geography master, used her car with her permission to transport people from the college.

He was involved in a slight accident on the Whitewell Road, as a result of which it was found that the car was not insured.

Mr Greenwood said Kinsella had spent his summer holidays working. With the money he had purchased for Mrs Savundra another car of similar value, something under £100.

He had also paid for the repair of a wall which had been damaged in the accident.

Mrs Savundra said that in March this year she arranged to buy the Wolseley. An agreement was made for the insurance to be

CHURCH ON 'DOUBLE TIME' FOR WEEK

EVERY £1 which parishioners of St Leonard's, Balderstone, raise during the church's "week" will be worth £2.

For the money will go towards paying off a £1,000 debt to the Church Commissioners—and the commissioners have agreed that, for every £100 paid, they will reduce the debt by £200.

The vicar, the Ven H. N. Hodd, Archdeacon of Blackburn, said today: "If we can raise £500 by the end of this year, we can discharge our debt of more than £1,000."

Events

The debt was incurred during renovations to the vicarage.

Balderstone "week" begins on Thursday, October 16, with the opening of the new parish school by the Archbishop of York.

The school will be open for inspection the next day.

During the week following until Sunday, October 26, there will be an event every day, including a mannequin show, whist and domino drive, sherry morning and evening, Salvation Army Band concert, jumble sale, sponsored walk and mini variety show.

Car men on heat

The Mayor the first day in the White

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HASLINGD emerge

1970s as one of the cashire's most and influential ing units—p can escape marriage.

But even as the Blackburn Haslingden would a handsome de industrial wealth, facts and figures have come to light week.

To justify increased staff and Incomes Bd its population, have argued with industry