So Ham the Space Chimp goes home to the zoo

WHAT A WIFE FOUND IN A CASE

SHE had been married about two years when she found a suitcase in a basement room of her home. It was full of women's clothes, but they weren't hers. She also found women's underclothes and dresses in the linen cupboard and make-up in the bathroom.

She asked her husband about the clothes. And he admitted, said a Divorce Court Judge, that they were his, that he had always liked wearing them and could not help doing it.

She said that had she known she would not have married him and asked him to promise never to do it again. But he said he would not make a promise he could not keep.

Before children

Mr. Justice Wrangham decided at Leeds that the husband's practice of wearing female attire and flaunting it before his wife, their two children and his wife's parents was cruelty to the wife.

He granted a decree nisi to Mrs. Marjorie Clare Rangeley, of The Moorlands, Levisham, North Yorkshire, on the ground of the cruelty of her husband, Jack Rangeley, architect, of High Petergate, York. The husband denied cruelty. The Judge rejected his cross-petition on the ground of desertion.

The Judge said: "The case has proved to be singularly difficult and an unsatisfactory one. The wife's complaints were virtually confined to one topic.

"She said that her husband during the marriage paraded himself in female garments in front of her and indeed in front of their two children and that this conduct, against which she protested, impaired her health."

The Judge said the parties were married in September, 1948. Within a year or two of the marriage the wife discovered her husband's addiction and expressed her dissatisfaction. But she took no steps to prevent it from continuing.

"They continued to have intercourse in the normal way between husband and wife and there was a son and a daughter," said the Judge.

At Christmas, 1955, both husband and wife were injured in a motor accident. But after it the wife made no suggestion to seven or eight doctors who examined her that she was suffering any maltreatment from her husband.

In nightdress

At Easter, 1956, they moved into a house in Harrogate.

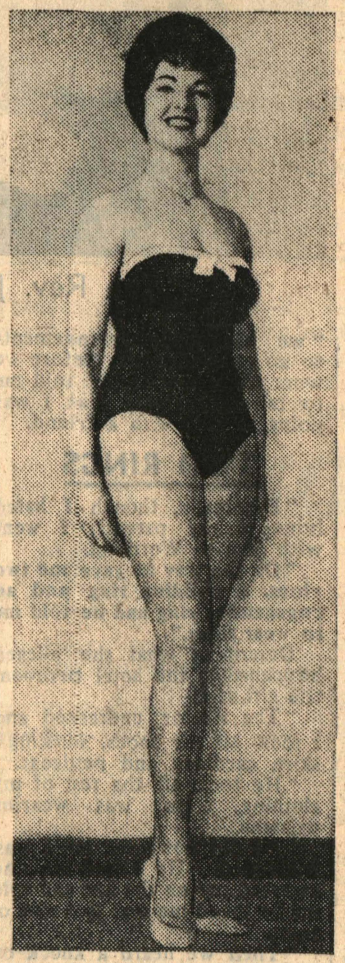
"The wife alleged that he began to flaunt this practice openly in front of her and the children," said the Judge.

"She alleged that he used to come down to breakfast in a woman's nightdress, covered no doubt with a dressing gown, in woman's shoes and socks.

"To such an extent was this done that it attracted the attention of the little girl, who asked if Daddy was wearing Mummy's night gown."

The Judge said that according to a doctor who saw the wife for a considerable period in 1957, she was on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

The husband was therefore guilty of cruelty in law.



Twenty-year-old Maureen Hayden, of Heath-road, Liverpool, was the heat-winner at Liverpool in the Miss England contest organised by Mecca Dancing and the News of the World. This week's heat will be held at the Oxford Galleries, Newcastle, on Wednesday.

HER HUSBAND SAID 'UM'

CALLING at her house a carpet salesman insisted on showing her his wares, said a 20-year-old married woman at Howden, Yorks. Then, inside the house, she alleged, the man assaulted her.

Later, when she told her husband about it, he just replied "Um."

Attractive Wendy Hawksworth, mother of three children, was giving evidence in a case in which the salesman, 59-year-old Robert Winter, of Brigg, Lincs, was accused of attempting to rape her.

Mrs. Hawksworth, of Derwent Estate, Howden, said that after Winter came into her house with a carpet, he grabbed hold of her and kissed her. She was shocked and did not know what to do as his eyes changed and he looked fierce.

STOCKINGS

Her three children were still in the room and Winter took her to the door. She hesitated a bit, and thought of running out, but she knew that would mean leaving him alone with the children. He still held her.

Then, she said, holding her wrists he took her upstairs into a bedroom.

"He pushed me on to the bed," she went on. "But he didn't succeed in doing anything after interfering with my clothes.

"Then he left the room and I followed him downstairs. He held his fist at me, and said: 'Whatever you do, don't tell anyone.' He said next time he came he would bring me some stockings. He left the house and left the carpet.

"I didn't know what to do, I just sat down and cried."

Cross-examined by Mr. H. C. Muscroft, defending, Mrs. Hawksworth said Winter was in the house about 20 minutes and they were in the bedroom about 10 minutes. There were workmen in the garden next door, about 15 yards away.

Winter, who pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence, was sent for trial at East Riding Quarter Sessions.

New prison for women

A NEW women's prison is to be built at Epping, Essex, near the present "open" prison at Hill Hall. Work is expected to start this year.

When the new gaol is ready women will be transferred there from Holloway, London's only prison for women.

This will leave the way clear for Holloway to house the men sleeping three in a cell in Pentonville.

And Pentonville, the grim, grey 119-year-old prison in Caledonian-road, will be demolished and handed to Islington Council for housing development.