



## **Only One Magistrate Swindon Court Cases Adjourned**

There were 15 cases down for hearing at Swindon County Police Court on Tuesday. At 10.30, when the court was due to open, there were present the Magistrates' Clerk and his clerk, the Deputy Chief Constable (Mr. W. T. Brooks), a police sergeant, half a dozen constables, a witness and one Pressman.

The hands of the clock went round to 10.45 and then someone was heard to say that Mr. W. E. Morse, a county magistrate, who was not on the rota for the day, was hurrying to the court. Five minutes later Mr. Morse took his seat on the Bench. "Are there any applications?" asked the magistrates' clerk. There was no reply.

Mr. Morse then announced that owing to the weather and the absence of justices and witnesses he proposed to adjourn the court for 14 days.

Policemen from Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Stratton St. Margaret, Wroughton and Chisledon had travelled to court on the bicycles.

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