

in 1948, and introduced a new scheme whereby the fee was to be a sum calculated as 2 per cent. of the actual gross takings from admission charges for dancing, to be certified by an independent practising accountant.

The Scottish Ballroom Association challenged the propriety of that scheme by referring the matter to the Performing Right Tribunal. In so doing, they were supported by an English body known as The Association of Ballrooms Limited and by another Scottish body called The North British Ballrooms Association. These bodies together represented about one hundred and sixty dance halls out of a total number of some four hundred and forty dance halls in the whole of Great Britain.

The respective merits of the formula and the new scheme were fully canvassed during a lengthy hearing before the Tribunal, and the problem resolved itself into two main issues; what should be the proper method of arriving at the basic figure; and what should be the proper percentage of that figure to be paid as the licence fee.

In the result, the Tribunal came to the conclusion that the value of so intangible a commodity as a general right to perform copyright music in public emerged from the coming together on equal terms of a willing buyer and a willing seller. The formula arrived at in 1949 was regarded as being of that character, and it was accordingly upheld as representing the proper method of arriving at the basic

figure. On the other hand, as regards the proper percentage, the Tribunal considered that there had been since 1949 a rise in costs in general which, although reflected to some extent in the constituent figures of the formula, was still not adequately covered by the original 1 per cent. The rate was therefore increased to a net figure of 1.6 per cent.

Nevertheless, in order to meet the contingency of a possible over-estimate, the Tribunal granted to any individual dance-hall proprietor the option on giving due notice to the Performing Right Society, to pay a licence fee subject to a discount for prompt payment and calculated at the rate of 1.5 per cent. on his actual gross takings from admission charges for dancing. Subject again to proper notice being given, the exercise of that option was to be revocable.

The Tribunal accordingly varied the new scheme put forward by the Performing Right Society (which was the subject-matter of the reference) by substituting, as from the 4th May 1959, the method of computation which it approved for that which had been proposed by the Performing Right Society. The date was that on which the decision of the Tribunal was given; but the new scheme in its original form was never put into operation. This was due to an agreement between the parties, whereby effect was not to be given to the new scheme pending the decision of the Tribunal.

A copy of the Decision may be inspected at the offices of the Tribunal during office hours.

LEGAL NOTICES

MARRIAGE ACTS

A Building certified for worship named **SALE CHRISTIADELPHIAN HALL**, 206 Marsland Road, Sale, in the registration district of Bucklow, Cheshire, was on 18th February 1960, registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act, 1949, as amended by section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.—Dated 22nd February 1960.

(051) *W. Fryer*, Superintendent Registrar.

A Building certified for worship named **SALVATION ARMY HALL**, Hungate Street, Aylsham, in the registration district of Norwich Outer, in the county of Norfolk, was on 18th February 1960, registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act, 1949, as amended by section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.—Dated 22nd February 1960.

(036) *Leonard C. Goose*, Superintendent Registrar.

A Building certified for worship named **KINGDOM HALL**, Warren Road, Reigate, in the registration district of Surrey South Eastern in the county of Surrey was on 19th February 1960, registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act, 1949, as amended by section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.—Dated 23rd February 1960.

(117) *Edward E. Roberts*, Superintendent Registrar.

A Building certified for worship named **ELIJAH CHURCH**, 19 Copy Nook, in the registration district of Blackburn, in the county borough of Blackburn, was on 19th February 1960, registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act, 1949 as amended by section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.—24th February 1960.

(277) *H. Chadwick*, Superintendent Registrar.

A Building certified for worship named **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH**, Malvern Gardens, Loblely Hill, in the registration district of Gateshead, in the county borough of Gateshead, was on 22nd February 1960, registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.—24th February 1960.

(278) *Norman Scott*, Superintendent Registrar.

A Building certified for worship named **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, Oldbury Road, West Smethwick, in the registration district of Smethwick, in the county borough of Smethwick, was on 16th February 1960, registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act, 1949, as amended by section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.—Dated 22nd February 1960.

(035) *S. C. Redhead*, Superintendent Registrar.

A Building certified for worship named **ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**, Hawthorn Drive, Chantry Estate, in the registration district of Ipswich, in the county borough of Ipswich, was on 22nd February 1960 registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act, 1949, as amended by section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.—24th February 1960.

(279) *S. James*, Superintendent Registrar.

A Building certified for worship named **PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**, 46A Shaftesbury Street, Kettering, in the registration district of Kettering, in the county of Northampton, was on 22nd February 1960, registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act, 1949 as amended by section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.—24th February 1960.

(280) *A. H. J. Crick*, Superintendent Registrar.

A Building certified for worship named **ELIJAH CHURCH**, Bearmore Road, Old Hill, in the registration district of Rowley Regis, in the county of Stafford, was on 18th February 1960, registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act, 1949, as amended by section 1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.—24th February 1960.

(152) *T. E. Jones*, Superintendent Registrar.

BUILDING SOCIETIES ACTS, 1874-1940

Notice is hereby given that the Bristol and West Building Society No. 11 B Glos. whose registered office is at St. Stephen's House, Colston Avenue, in the city and county of Bristol, desires to accept a transfer of the engagements of The Shepton Mallet Permanent Benefit Building Society No. 24 B Somerset And that the said Society has applied to the