



# *Employment News*

## *Salisbury*

### **The Dismissal of Margaret Harding**

#### **Her figure is “not phoney”**

**LONDON, Tuesday: Fifteen-year-old phone girl Margaret Harding has been sacked – because she’s too big.**

Margaret has a 40, 33, 41 figure and weighs 14 stone. And she’s lost her job as a G.P.O. telephonist at Salisbury Wiltshire because of her measurements.

Margaret, whose father is 6ft. 3in., 20 stone and a butcher, and mother, 5ft. 8in., and 14 stone, said last night: “I was passed fit by the G.P.O. doctor, did my training and started at Salisbury, where the supervisors praised my work.”

After seven months Margaret was told she was being sacked because she was overweight. “I was told if I could lose some weight I’d get my job back in about a year.” she said.

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