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 WEEK IN CITY CINEMAS.

ENTRAL—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, "Her Monday and Tuesday, "Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, "The Mouthful."
 —Monday and Tuesday, "The Mouthful."
 —Thurs., Friday, and Sat., "The Mouthful."
 —All the week, except Ash Wednesday, "The Mouthful."
 —Theatres will be closed on Ash Wednesday.

FULFILLED PROMISE.

Review which the Mayor had week-end with the Minister for Government and the Secretary to the City Management Bill case for financial assistance from the Government. The promise given by the Minister some time ago and emphasised at the Borough Council that the Mayor would get some measure of financial assistance coming year has now been effected. Mr O'Kelly now finds that there is no difficulty in this respect, with the result that the rates will remain at the same level. While it is true that the rates will not be sufficient to hearten the business in the direction of opening new avenues of business, with the result that unemployment will still be a serious problem. It is all very disappointing, and the fact that the system of poor law rating is still in force in this direction are also a source of concern. The attitude taken up by the Government on this question he regards as being very disappointing, and it looks as if the Government's resistance holds good in the future. Then, again, the subject of the borough boundary is a matter of concern, so that we are thrown back to the proposed Management Bill, and the important methods of giving relief to the ratepayers. How the provisions of the Bill much needed for the city. In his report on the Management Bill, Mr O'Connell has pointed the way to the future in various municipal departments. It will be for the Manager to see how far the services can be effected. There is one thing which a considerable amount of work has been done—namely the cleansing department. Ten years ago the new system of concrete surface roads was introduced, and has in the interval been treated in that material. So, it was only natural to expect that the cleansing bill would have been reduced, but the fact is that expenditure is higher now than it was a decade ago. It is only one isolated instance in which a considerable amount of work can be effected in civic administration under the new Bill the powers, functions of the Health Board are discharged by the person to be appointed to the position of Manager, and there is ample room for retrenchment on the poor law service. The only hope that the Manager can take is a very conceivable step in seeing how money voted for this service—for home assistance—will be

ment gave additional attention to the condition of the streets, which calls for improvement. Last Sunday in some of the principal thoroughfares waste paper and other refuse were to be seen in the channel courses or flying about, thus presenting an untidy state of affairs, which one does not find in other cities. Considering that the cost of cleansing in Limerick is as high to-day, when we have concrete streets, as it was in the old days when the streets were laid in macadam, it is a matter of reproach that what we complain of should exist, and it certainly could not escape the notice of a visitor to the city. We hope that better steps will be taken to keep our streets neat and tidy. There is no reason why that should not be so, especially on Sundays. It would be well if receptacles for street litter were again placed on some of the public lamp standards, though it must be admitted that when they were so provided some years ago they were damaged or pulled down by mischievous youngsters.

Limerick Circuit Court.

County Criminal Cases.

His Lordship Judge McElligott, K.C., took up the hearing of County criminal indictments at Limerick Circuit Court to-day.

CHARGE OF ARSON.
 Maggie Madden was charged on two counts with setting fire to a hayshed, the property of Laurence Hayes, Ballykeefe, Mungret, and causing damage to the extent of £90, with intent to injure and defraud, and with setting fire to a quantity of hay contained in the shed on the 3rd January, 1934.

Mr Thos. Donovan, B.L. (instructed by Mr J. J. Power, State Solicitor), prosecuted, and the accused was not professionally represented.

In answer to the indictment the accused pleaded not guilty.

Laurence Hayes stated that he was a farmer living at Ballykeefe, Mungret. On January 3rd last he went home at about five minutes to ten. At about 11.45 he was called and found that his hayshed was blazing fiercely. There was about 45 tons of hay in the shed valued at £60, and damage to the extent of about £70 was done to the shed. The accused, who was in his employment, was due to leave on the following day. On the previous Friday witness and his brother were in bed. The accused was in the kitchen endeavouring to light a lamp. His brother shouted to her to get a match and light it. The accused then said: "I will give ye the greatest hope ye ever got in your life before I leave."

The accused did not cross examine.

Sergeant Thos. Farrell, Patrickswell, gave evidence to show that on the morning in question, on receiving a report, he went to the house of Mr Hayes. The hay was on fire, and was evidently burning for some time. As a result of inquiries amongst the household he interviewed the accused, who made a statement implicating a servant boy. As a result of the statement he interviewed the latter. Subsequently the accused made a further statement, in which she said that after lighting a cigarette in the hay-barn she threw the lighting match into the hay and afterwards the remains of the cigarette. She revoked her previous statement.

Michael Hayes, Ballykeefe, stated that he was a brother of Laurence Hayes. On the night of January 3rd last, when entering his house, before 10 p.m., he saw the accused and a boy standing at the gate. At 11.40 he was called from bed, and found that the hay shed was on fire. On the previous Friday the accused, when lighting the lamp, made the remark already attributed to her by his brother.

The accused stated that she did not wish to be sworn, and had nothing to say.

His Lordship said that the accused was charged with a very serious crime, and he did not think the jury could have any doubt as to her guilt or innocence. It was a nice reflection on the conditions prevailing in some parts of the country that a girl of 16 years could be allowed to go about with a boy and actually smoke cigarettes.

The jury found the accused guilty on both counts, and she was put back for sentence.

Subsequently his Lordship imposed a suspensory sentence of six months, not to take effect if she kept the peace for three years.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER—SEQUEL TO ROAD ACCIDENT.

Distressing City Drowning Accident.

Man Loses His Life to Save a Child.

An extremely distressing tragedy occurred in the Shannon at Thomond Bridge on Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock, when John Griffin, aged 39, of 10 Jones Lane, off Watergate, who leaves a wife and child, lost his life in an attempt to save that of a child, Patrick O'Dwyer, of Conway's Bow, off Mary street, who fell into the water somewhere near the slip below the Castle Barracks. As a matter of fact the child was rescued by Patrick O'Shea, King's Island.

A poignant feature in the tragedy is the fact that Griffin was returning from the City Home and Hospital, where he had been visiting his sick wife. He was told a child had fallen into the water, and though an indifferent swimmer he plunged into the river to the rescue. A few minutes later O'Shea was on the scene and jumped in, and succeeded, though exhausted owing to the cold and the swift current, in reaching the child and bringing him safely ashore. O'Shea was not aware that Griffin was in the water, he having disappeared and did not rise to the surface again, although the reins of a horse were thrown out to him by a man named Michael Mullins. Two hours later Griffin's body was recovered near the spot where the tragedy occurred. O'Shea succeeded in reviving the exhausted child and sending him to his home. The heroism of the deceased man and of O'Shea cannot be too highly praised, as it was at the inquest held yesterday afternoon at Barrington's Hospital by Mr J. S. McNeice, solicitor, Deputy Coroner.

Sergeant J. Donnelly, Mary street barrack, conducted the enquiry.

Mr Griffin, 7 Back Clare street, a brother of the deceased, stated that he last saw his brother alive at 2 p.m. on Sunday. He later saw him dead in the morgue at Barrington's Hospital.

Patrick O'Mahony (15), 1 Castle Row, stated that at about 5 p.m. he was fishing on Thomond Bridge. He heard someone shout that there was a child in the water, and he ran down a slip and saw the child, who was floating on his back, with his mouth open. He was removing his coat to go into the water, when the deceased ran down, and after telling him (witness) to go for help, removed his coat and jumped in after the child. Witness ran up to the bridge and called another man who had a rope with him. The man stood up on the wall and threw in the rope. At this time the deceased was in difficulties in the water and disappeared. Witness next saw a man bringing the child in from the water. The man's name was O'Shea. He tried artificial respiration, and then took away the child in his arms. There were about ten children on the slip before the accident.

Michael Mullins, Cathedral Place, stated that he was coming up from the Island Bank some time after 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. He heard a number of children shouting that there was a child in the water. Being unable to swim himself he got a rod and tried unavailingly to reach the child. He saw Griffin going into the water, and he saw immediately that he was in difficulties. He got a reins off a horse and threw it to the man, but he made no attempt to catch it. At one period the reins was over his hands. He sank and failed to rise again. He then saw O'Shea jump into the water, and brought in the child. The tide was full in, and there was a strong current at the point.

Dr Holmes gave evidence that he examined the body of the deceased in the morgue at Barrington's Hospital. Death was due to asphyxia.

The Coroner said that the only verdict that could be returned was in accordance with the medical testimony that death was due to drowning. It was one of the saddest cases that he had ever had before him as Deputy Coroner. The deceased—a young man—chanced his life, and lost it in trying to save the child, and he extended his sincere sympathy to the widow and family. He hoped that the citizens of Limerick would, in their generosity, come forward and give assistance to the family. He warmly commended the conduct of O'Shea, and said he would send the particulars of the case to the Carnegie Trust.

Sergeant Donnelly, on behalf of Supt. Reynolds, associated himself with the Coroner's remarks, and paid a tribute to the unselfish work of the Thomondgate fishermen and members of St. John's Boat Club, who worked for two hours in searching for the body. He was sure that if any subscription list was started that the Guards would give their unreserved support.

GENERAL O'DUFFY AT CROOM

The Plight of Agriculture. Advice to Prepare for General Election.

Incidents in the Village.
 General O'Duffy paid an unexpected visit to Croom last Sunday on his way to Kanturk, and addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting of Fine Gael (U.I.P.), which included a guard of honour of five hundred Blue-shirts and Blue-blouses, formed up under direction of Capt. Quishin, Capt. W. H. Lyons, P.O., presided.

In the course of his address the General referred to the growth of the U.I.P. organisation, of which over 1,200 branches had been established in a few months, with an average membership of 300, and great progress had been made in Limerick. He said he was coming back somewhere in Co. Limerick to hold one of the biggest meetings yet held in the county. The dairy farmers of Limerick knew well the ruinous effect of de Valera's policy. Unfulfilled promises would not satisfy anybody. De Valera had not kept his word. He had run away from the Republic, and bluffed the people as he had done before in the past twelve years. The road worker could not hope to find work if there was not a change of Government before six months, and he advised the people to get ready for a general election as, he said, it would come within that time. The future of Ireland lay in the hands of the Blue Shirts, and he had no hesitation in saying that they were the salvation of the country. They were self-respecting young Irishmen, and represented 75 per cent of the best youth of the country.

Ald. J. Reidy, T.D., Messrs G. C. Bennett, T.D.; D. J. Madden, Co.C.; J. J. O'Shaughnessy, Dr. Costello, Chairman of the Adare District Executive U.I.P., also addressed the meeting.

On the platform were—Mr. P. Bourke, P.C., B.C., Messrs J. O'B. Kelly, LL.B., Secretary, County Executive, Fine Gael; M. C. Burke, solr., Col. Liam Fraher, organiser; D. B. O'Donnell, Dr W. Hederman, etc.

A parade of Blue Shirts took place through the town after the meeting, and a few stones were thrown as the procession wended its way from Bridge street through Main street. A hostile crowd, including a large number of women and children, congregated at this point and indulged in cat-calls and shouts of "Up Dev."

Capt. D. P. Quish addressed the Blue Shirts as the procession halted at the Mill Cross, and advised them to go home in a peaceful manner and as respectable citizens, upholding and respecting the laws of the country.

A scuffle took place at the hotel corner as some Blue Shirts on bicycles were leaving the town, and the Civic Guards drew their batons. The crowd ran up Maxwell's Lane and quiet was restored in a short time.

THE NATIONAL BANK.

Extensive Structural Alterations.

Extensive structural alterations are about to be carried out in the O'Connell street branch of the National Bank. The whole of the existing structure is to be removed, and the plans of the new premises which were prepared by the Bank's architects, make provision for a suite of offices that will give ample accommodation for the staff. The ground space for the purpose is to be extended along the Glentworth street side, where the new entrance to the Bank house will be situated. For some years past it was found that the accommodation for staff and customers was rather cramped, and in other respects out of conformity with modern requirements where applicable to a prosperous concern like the National Bank. The offices will be fitted out and equipped on the most modern lines; they will be admirably ventilated and lighted, and provided with a central heating system. It is stated that the re-constructive work, the contractors for which are Messrs John Ryan & Sons, Thomas street, will occupy two years. In the meantime the business of the branch will be carried on at 49 O'Connell street, which is the property of the Bank.

U.I.P. DANCE INCIDENT.

Crash Into Felled Tree.

The felling of a tree on the occasion of a Fine Gael (U.I.P.) dance at Newcastle West had a sequel at Rathkeale Circuit Court, when a decree for £65 was given to John Guiry, motor driver, Rathkeale, who claimed £250 for malicious damage to his motor car

A CRIMELESS CITY.

White Gloves Presented to Judge McElligott.

His Lordship Judge McElligott, K.C. was presented by Mr H. O.B. Moran, County Registrar, with white gloves yesterday, there being no City criminal business for disposal.

In accepting the presentation, his Lordship said—I really don't know what to say this occasion, because the habit of giving white gloves in the city of Limerick in recent years, become so general that I have to say about your city I have never before. It is a source of infinite pleasure to receive this token of the freedom from crime of your ancient city. I have as the Chief Superintendent and the District Superintendent of the Guards whether the emblem truly represents the peaceable condition of the city, and I am assured by that at no time during its history has Limerick been so free from crime as it is at the present time.

In these days of strife, contention, and regret to say, violence, in many parts of the country, it must be a source of extreme felicity to the citizens of Limerick that they occupy the proud position of being members of a community absolutely free from serious crime. I pray God that this condition long continue. Mr Mayor, I ask you convey to the citizens my very great pleasure and congratulations on this happy state of affairs.

The Mayor, who occupied a seat by his Lordship on the bench, said—I can assure your lordship, on behalf of the citizens of Limerick that we all feel deeply the wonderful record of our city in the absence of serious crime. I have had the undistinction of being present with you six months on two occasions when your lordship was presented with the emblem, I feel greatly honoured at having been present, and I thank your Lordship for inviting me here. I shall be happy to convey to the citizens your Lordship's words of congratulation. We must congratulate the Gardaí, who, I feel, have been responsible to a great extent for the happy state of affairs in the city's immunity from crime. I have pleasure in congratulating Chief Superintendent McCarthy, Superintendent Reynolds, I am very happy indeed to be present to-day, and I hope that your Lordship will long be spared to preside at such functions on many future occasions.

HARBOUR BOARD.

The City Drowning Tragedy

The Mayor presided at the meeting of Limerick Harbour Board yesterday. There were also present—Alderman P. O'Flynn, Messrs P. Moore, B.C.; D. O'Dwyer, McCormick, Co.C.; Alderman T. J. Wall, Alderman P. J. Donnellan, M. Doyle, P. Treacy, T. J. Loughrey, Ald. J. McEneaney. The officials in attendance were—Mr D. McNeice, Secretary; T. F. O'Sullivan, Engineer, and Captain C. Hanrahan, Harbour Master.

DOCK EXTENSION SCHEME.
 The Engineer submitted reports concerning the foundations of the walls of the dock extension, and recommended the appointment of a Consulting Engineer to confer with him on matters relating to the foundations.
 Mr Loughrey proposed, and Mr McEneaney seconded, that Professor P. E. Purcell, Dublin, be appointed to examine the foundations.
 The Mayor—How long will this inspection occupy?
 The Engineer—The inspection will be completed in the course of a day. I will arrange with Professor Purcell when it is to come down.
LATE PILOT F. BRENNAN.
 The Mayor referred to the death of Felix Brennan, a western pilot, and proposed that the sympathy of the Board be extended to his family.
 The vote was passed in silence.
CITY DROWNING TRAGEDY.
 Alluding to the drowning tragedy which took place in the Shannon Sunday evening at King John's Castle, the Mayor said that deceased, John Griffin, although unable to swim made a heroic attempt to rescue a child. His gallantry had touched the citizens, and heartfelt sympathy was tendered to the widow and his only child, their irreparable loss. He proposed that the Board offer their condolence to the widow.
 This was passed in silence.
SHIPPING.
 The Secretary reported that five reg-