

Sad Fatality

County Limerick Gael's Death.

Inquest on Mr. Wm. Purtill, ex-N.T.

Mr M E Casson, solicitor, Deputy Coroner for West Limerick, with a jury, held an inquest at Foynes on Wednesday into the death of Mr Wm. Purtill, retired National Teacher, who was fatally injured in a motor accident while out walking with his wife near Foynes on Tuesday evening. Mrs Purtill was seriously injured on the same occasion, and was conveyed to St. John's Hospital for treatment.

Inspector W Brazil, Limerick, appeared for the State.

At the outset of the proceedings, the Inspector suggested that only medical evidence and evidence of identification be taken that day because it was necessary for the State to make certain enquiries in the case, and it was possible that charges would arise.

The Coroner acceded to the Inspector's request.

Michael Lane, of Hayden Villas, Rosbrien, Limerick, stated that he was a nephew of the deceased. He had seen the body and identified the remains as that of his uncle. He last saw him alive during Christmas week when he was in good health. He was aged about 67 years.

Dr Agnes Nolan, Shanagolden, stated she carried out a post mortem examination on the remains, and as a result of the examination she came to the conclusion that the cause of death was shock and haemorrhage following fracture of the skull. The injuries were consistent with being knocked down by a mechanically-propelled vehicle.

Inspector Brazil stated that was all the evidence he proposed submitting that day, and he asked for an adjournment *sine die*.

The Coroner, in adjourning the inquest, expressed the deepest sympathy with the family and relatives.

Inspector Brazil, Dr Nolan and the foreman of the jury associated themselves with the expression of regret.

Regret in Limerick

The tragic death of Mr Purtill was learned with deep regret in Limerick City, where he was extremely well known. In his early days Mr Purtill taught in Limerick, and his wife is a member of a well-known city family. Deep sympathy is also felt for their son, Rev Father M Purtill, Professor at St Mnuchin's College, Limerick, and the popular Chairman of the Limerick City Junior G.A.A. Board.

The Funeral.

A Requiem Mass for the repose of the deceased's soul was celebrated at Foynes Church this morning at 11.30 a.m., and the funeral left that village at 1 p.m. for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, accompanied by a huge concourse of mourners. On arrival at Limerick it was further augmented by the citizens of all classes, demonstrating the deep sympathy felt for the respected family in their tragic bereavement.