

It was officially announced to-day that the Duchess of Kent has undergone a minor operation to her eye and must cancel all engagements for a fortnight.

An operation was performed in the country by Sir Stewart Duke, Elder Surgeon Oculist to the King.

It is understood that the operation was to remedy a merely local trouble to the eye.

The Duke of Kent is in Canada, where he has been visiting R.A.F. personnel in training.

JOURNALIST BEREAVED

Deep sympathy is felt with Mr. M. V. Kearney, a member of the reporting staff of the "Limerick Leader," on the death of his father, Mr. William Kearney, who passed away yesterday, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Ballina. Deceased, who was an ex-member of the R.I.C., was a highly respected member of the community and was well known in the western parts of the country, where he had been stationed at different periods in the course of his career. The funeral takes place to-morrow after Requiem High Mass.

PARAFFIN OIL

The Minister for Supplies has made an Order entitled Emergency Powers (Kerosene Rationing) (No. 3) Order, 1941, providing for the amendment of Articles 8 and 9 of the Emergency Powers (Kerosene Rationing) Order, 1941. The Order comes into force to-day. The amendment is a minor one and is intended mainly to facilitate the smaller retailers by permitting them to purchase for re-sale a minimum of five gallons of paraffin oil per month.

GIRL BATHER DROWNED

Annie Guerin, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Guerin, Ballyduff, Kerry, was drowned while bathing at Kilmore Strand, three miles from her home, on last Saturday evening. Accompanied by other girls, she entered the water, and she soon got into difficulties. She disappeared, and so far the body has not been recovered.

Motorists are wondering why the authorities are so lenient, or appear to be so lenient, with cyclists in Limerick. It is pointed out that the driver of a motor car is "pulled" for the most trivial offence while the rider of the push bicycle can get "away with it" nine times out of ten.

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EXAGGERATED?

The grievances voiced by certain motorists may be exaggerated. Nevertheless, it is common knowledge that cyclists, as a general rule, ignore the rules of the road. But the authorities, however, are doing their best to correct this very dangerous characteristic. It is not so very easy to apprehend cyclists inasmuch as they have no identity numbers, and, besides, there is no difficulty on mounting a bicycle for the rider and machine to disappear like a flash around the nearest corner. Cyclists, for their own personal safety, should be much more careful.

DEATH OF MRS. HANNIE O'SULLIVAN

It is with very deep regret that we chronicle the demise of Mrs. Hannie O'Sullivan, Ballinvullen, Newcastle West, which took place yesterday after a rather long illness. The deceased lady was relict of the Late Mr. C. D. O'Sullivan, who was for many years a prominent figure in the public life of the county.

The late Mrs. O'Sullivan was a lady of many estimable qualities. Kind and charitable and of a bright and happy disposition she endeared herself to a very wide circle of friends. Very deep sympathy will be extended to her brothers, Mr. C. C. Cregan, Editor, "Limerick Leader," Mr. James Cregan, Grange, Newcastle West, and other members of the family in their bereavement.

The funeral will take place to-morrow at one o'clock from Castle-mahon Church to Ardagh cemetery.