

pounds representing withheld increments, due to some hundreds of primary school teachers may, it is learned, be made at the beginning of next month. The increments were withheld since 1932—as a result of a Government regulation which the Supreme Court decided was not legal, and the Department of Education then agreed to refund the moneys withheld.

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## MASS LAUNCHING

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A few minutes after the 'Massachusetts,' which cost £7,500,000, was launched, the keel of a new light cruiser was laid. At the same time the U.S. Maritime Commission announced that 14 merchantmen would be launched on Saturday in various parts of the country, in the largest mass launching since the last war. A message from President Roosevelt would be read at each launching.

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## INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISTS

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Mr. T. McMullan, chairman, Ulster District, and Mr. T. W. Murphy, Dublin, were unanimously elected hon. vice-presidents of the Institute of Journalists for 1942 at the annual meeting in London.

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## FIRE AT RACE MEETING

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Part of the grand-stand at Listowel caught fire when the three-day race meeting opened on the Island Course yesterday. The outbreak was speedily extinguished and racing continued after a slight hold up.

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## FOOD ALLOWANCE

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The Commissioner acting for Leitrim Board of Health, Mr. David O'Keeffe, has set aside £692 to provide bread, milk and butter for home help recipients. A scale of allowances has also been drawn up.

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## A WHITE BLACKBIRD

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Mr. P. Keighery, of Glenbourne, Lisdoonvarna, who won the Irish Coursing Cup in 1933, has a caged snow white blackbird. By way of contrast Mr. Keighery has in another cage an ordinary black-

bird. Is it possible that the lost picture has been found? Experts, only, of course, can provide an answer to this question.

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## THE TOWN HALL.

The City Manager (Mr. J. J. Berkery) introduced a uniform dinner hour—one to two o'clock—for the Municipal staffs. This means that the Town Hall is now closed each day for the period stated. The innovation introduced by the Manager, and which is welcomed by the staffs, will make for greater efficiency. Hitherto officials went to luncheon at irregular periods, with the result that people having business at the Town Hall were on occasions disappointed. In passing it might be observed that in Cork and other places a common dinner hour for public officials is being observed for some time past.

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## COUNTY COUNCIL

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A quarterly meeting of Limerick County Council will be held at one o'clock (summer time) on Saturday, 27th inst. The business includes consideration of a letter received from the L.G.D. relative to the filling of the vacant position of accountant, and a letter from the Chief Superintendent of Civic Guards relative to the condition of the streets in Rathkeale.

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## DEATHS.

**Griffin** (Limerick)—On Sept. 24th, 1941, at his residence, 38 Wolfe Tone St., David Griffin, ex-Sergt., Royal Irish Constabulary. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church on this (Wednesday) evening at 9 p.m. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 4 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

**Martin** (Ardnacrusha)—On Sept. 23rd, Annie, beloved wife of Joseph Martin, E.S.B. Remains will reach Parteen Church, Ardnacrusha this (Wednesday) evening at 7.30 p.m. (Summer Time). Funeral at 1 p.m. (Summer Time) to-morrow (Thursday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. R.I.P.