

... on that point, and I would suggest that your Worship hear the summonses here to-day.

### NO EVIDENCE SUBMISSION.

Mr. Liston said that the manslaughter case had been investigated from every angle, and he submitted that there had been no evidence of drunkenness against the defendant. In view of all the circumstances and the colossal expenses incurred by the State as well as the defendant, he must have cost the State about £100—he would suggest that the summonses before the court that day be struck out.

The Superintendent said the manslaughter charge had gone out, but the summonses before them that day were never before any previous court. A man could be negligent in the driving of a car without being guilty of manslaughter. There would be eight witnesses in the case.

The Justice said that in view of the way the manslaughter case had been hammered out the other summonses might now be disposed of by a plea of guilty to one of the three charges. He suggested that Mr. Liston and the Superintendent consult on the point, and they both agreed to this course.

After consultation, Mr. Liston said the defendant was prepared to plead guilty to the charge of driving in a manner dangerous to the public. The Superintendent, however, was not prepared to accept responsibility for withdrawing the charge of drunkenness while in charge of the car.

The Superintendent concurred, and said the plea of guilty on this charge would be accepted. The summons for dangerous driving could now proceed with the charge of drunkenness while in charge.

The Justice—I will hear evidence on that charge then.

### EXAMINED BY DOCTOR.

The first witness called was Inspector W. Brazill, who stated he was in charge of the Newcastle West district in January, 1940. On the 2nd and 3rd January, as a result of a report, he went to Foynes Station, where he saw the defendant. He came to the conclusion that the defendant was very much under the influence of drink. When asked if he had been involved in an accident the defendant said yes, and that he had reported it. The witness then told the defendant that he would be charged with being under the influence of drink while in charge of a motor car and explained his position. The defendant made no statement in reply. When asked that he could have any doctor he wished to examine him, the defendant refused to have a doctor. About three-quarters of an hour later the defendant was examined by Dr. Nolan, the Guards doctor. The witness added that he had no doubt the defendant

Patrick's; Rev. Father Costelloe, C.C., St. Mary's; and Rev. Father Kennedy, C.C., do. Rev. Father Costelloe officiated at the graveside.

### MR. P. O'CONNOR, CORGRIGG, FOYNES.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Patrick O'Connor, Corgrigg, Foynes, which took place at his residence on Thursday, September 18th. Deceased was a well-known figure in Foynes, having spent a long life in the midst of neighbours with whom he was always the best of friends. He was a sterling character—ever ready to do a man's share. His death was not altogether unexpected as he had been laid up for some time. The funeral was a great tribute of respect to the deceased. On Thursday night the remains were brought to Foynes Church, where the Rosary was recited by Rev. Father Quinlan, C.C. At noon the following day the funeral took place to the family burial ground at Knockpatrick. The officiating clergy were—Very Rev. Canon Rea, P.P., V.F., and Rev. Father Quinlan, C.C.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. O'Connor (widow); James, Willie, Eddie, Thomas and Pete O'Connor (sons); Mrs. Kirwan (daughter); William Kirwan (son-in-law); Mrs. James O'Connor and Mrs. P. O'Connor (daughters-in-law); Michael and Mary O'Connor, Mary and Rita O'Connor, Pat and James Moloney, Michael and Frances Kirwan (grandchildren); John and James O'Connor (nephews); Mrs. O'Connor (sister-in-law); James Harte, Ballyhahill; James Guinane, Ballynash; Phil Donovan, Kilcoleman; Michael Guinane, Tiermore; James Cribbin, Shanid (cousins); Mr. and Mrs. J. Hennessy, Mrs. Ellen O'Flaherty, Hanly family (Shrulawn), Hanly family (Ballynacragga), Mrs. P. Cusack, Corgrigg, Mrs. Ml. Cusack, Foynes; Denis and James Meaney.

Mass cards:—Mother and family; Kit, Bill and children; Jim, Lu and family; Queen and Paddy; Dodge, Jim and family; Mary and Rita; Michael Cusack and family; Pat and Bridgie Cusack; John O'Connor, wife and family; Mick and Catherine Sheehan; the King family; D. Naughton and family; P. Jackson and family; John Walsh, senr., and family; Jack and Cathleen O'Connell; B. Danaher; M. A. Guerin; Willie and Hanna Guerin; C. Leahy; James Finucane and family; Nurse Alice O'Dowd; John and Nora Walsh; Johnny and Mrs. Jackson; Michael and Bridget O'Connor; John Madigan, wife and family; John and Margaret Enright; Jack Hughes and Paddy; E. O'Flaherty and family; the Hanly family; Patrick Stephenson; the Culhane family.

... roads cannot by any stretch of the imagination be termed reproductive work. Yet this is the proposal which the people's servants are insisting shall be carried out. Concrete roads, it is asserted, would add dignity to our city as well as effect an annual saving in the cost of maintenance. No other relief scheme, it is further asserted, would be capable of absorbing the large number of unemployed anticipated in the coming winter.

### REPRODUCTIVE SCHEMES.

These arguments may be legitimate at another time when all other available reproductive schemes have been disposed of. But, as has been pointed out several times in the editorials of the *Limerick Leader*, there are works of a reproductive nature all over the country demanding immediate attention. And in the present emergency the proper background for all relief schemes should be the conservation of the food supply for man and beast. Everything which tends in any way to increase the produce of the land should have a prior claim to the use of public funds.

Road work of any kind, though necessary, is not necessarily reproductive. In times of an emergency people have to submit to discomforts of many kinds and bad indifferent roads are not the worst of them.

But there is one form of road work which is definitely reproductive as well as necessary, and that is the clearing away of the accumulation of road stuff lining the roads all over the country. Mixed with farmyard manure no better fertilizer can be produced for grass and corn crops. Used alone, no better top-dress can be got for the sweetening of sour lands, or the production of early grass which will be so necessary next spring. In my student days at the Royal College of Science I made a close study of the analysis of soils and later as a hobby I studied many books on the subject, and I am fully prepared to back my views against all comers. The reader will pardon my burst of temper, but I have frequently been charged for writing on subjects which I have no intimate knowledge.

### OPEN TO THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

Here, then, is one form of relief scheme, open to the whole country, easily administered, which in one year alone would reproduce double the initial cost. And it is a scheme which would not only absorb the county and city labourer, but would give employment during the slack season to farmers' sons and their horses. The piles of earth are a definite danger to traffic; their removal would make the roads safe and release huge quantities of manure so necessary if the soil has