

A WARNING

£50 Fines In Future

TILLAGE PROSECUTIONS

After disposing of two summonses for failure to comply fully with the Tillage Regulations, District Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., issued a warning at Ballyneety Court on Thursday, 2nd inst., that in such cases in future he will have to put on a £50 fine.

Patrick Power, Knockea, Ballyneety, was summoned for failing to cultivate a specified portion of his holdings.

Mr. J. J. Power, State Solicitor, said that defendant, who was an extensive farmer, had left 13 statute acres of the required amount untilled in 1941.

Mr. P. J. Slattery, Inspector under the Department, gave evidence regarding a visit to the holdings of defendant. The quota was 30½ acres. The reason given by defendant was that he found it difficult to travel to and from the outside farm. There was a higher proportion of arable land on the outside farm.

In reply to Mr. T. O'B. Kelly, solicitor for defendant, witness said that defendant told him that the outside farm was sold or being sold.

WELL OVER QUOTA THIS YEAR.

Patrick Power, defendant, said that he believed he had complied with the regulations, and he had tilled more this year, and was well over the quota. He had made up for last year by having an extra amount tilled this year.

Mr. Power said that his instructions were to ask for a substantial penalty. It was an exceptionally grave case.

Justice—I will fine him £10. I think I am taking a lenient view of it, on the distinct understanding that a real effort will be made because there is no excuse now.

John Butler, Kilculen, Ballyneety, was summoned for neglecting to cultivate under the Tillage Order.

Mr. Power said that in this case the quota was 14 acres, of which defendant tilled 11, leaving a deficit of 3 acres.

Mr. Slattery gave evidence that he visited defendant's holding in May, 1940, and found that there were 72 acres of arable land. The amount required to be cultivated was 14 acres. In May, 1941, when witness pointed out that only 11 acres had been tilled, defendant gave the excuse that owing to foot and mouth disease he could not sell his cattle or till any more.

"VERY SMALL AMOUNT."

Mr. T. M. Mitchell, solr., for the defendant, suggested that three acres was a very small amount.

Mr. Power—It would feed two families for the year according to what I heard on the wireless.

Mr. Mitchell—That was only on the wireless.

John Butler, defendant, stated that he had disputed the amount of arable land that was supposed

FOUND IN POOL

Death Of Parish Clerk

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

On Thursday afternoon of last week (writes our Knockaderry correspondent) the body of Mr. James Dillon was found in a pool of water at Ahalin. Deceased was Parish Clerk of Knockaderry and Clounagh for more than 40 years, and was at Mass and about his usual duties on Thursday morning. He was very popular among all classes of the community. He leaves a widow and large young family to mourn his loss.

At the inquest held by the Coroner, Mr. M. Cussen, solr., on Thursday evening and a local jury, Supt. Mulcahy and Sergt. Donohue represented the authorities.

Mrs. McMahon, sister of the deceased, gave evidence of identification.

Mr. Maurice Meehan gave evidence of his finding of the body, which, it appears, was only partially submerged. The lower part of the body was not in the water.

POSITION CONSISTENT WITH ACCIDENT.

To a juror's questions the witness said that the pool was situated in very close proximity to a public path leading from Clounagh to Knockaderry. It was the route deceased would take from Clounagh Church if he had business to go to at Knockaderry and it was possible for a person to fall into the pool at the spot.

Guard Bugler, Kilmeedy, in reply to questions, stated that the position of the body could be consistent with deceased accidentally falling into the pool.

Dr. O'Brien stated that the result of his examination showed that deceased died from asphyxia caused by immersion.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

The Coroner said it was a very distressing case and he wished to have his sympathy conveyed to the widow, orphans and friends of the deceased.

Supt. Mulcahy said he wished, on behalf of the authorities, to be associated with the Coroner's remarks.

Mr. M. Burke, N.T., said on his own behalf and on behalf of the jury he also begged to be associated with the expressions of sympathy.

FUND OPENED.

A fund opened during the week-end on behalf of the widow and orphans met a remarkably generous response in the locality.

WALLET OF NOTES

FOR GARDA SERGEANT

Rev. M. Madden, P.P., presided at a representative meeting in Clarecastle, where Sergt. J. Morley, prior to his transfer to

CITY COURT

Jail In Larceny Cases

AMMUNITION STORY

To-day at the Limerick District Court, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J.,

Ed. Heelan, Roxboro', was summoned by Sergt. Sullivan, Weights and Measures Inspector, for using unstamped weights.

The defendant said that he was not aware of the law relating to weights and measures.

The Justice imposed a fine of 10/-. John Hynes, Ahane, was summoned by the N.S.P.C.A. for working a pony that was suffering from sores.

Inspector Collins stated that he saw the defendant work a pony at the Limerick Markets. The animal suffered from sores under the straddle.

The defendant stated that the pony was only after being "broken in" and a sore developed on the back.

A fine of 1/- was imposed.

CRUELTY TO HORSE.

John Hodgins, Parteen, was also summoned by the N.S.P.C.A. for cruelty to a horse.

Inspector Collins stated that he saw a horse, the property of the defendant, draw a load of timber. Part of the wood was interfering with the animal's body with the result that a horrible wound had developed.

Mr. Blood-Smyth, solicitor (prosecuting)—This is a very bad case. The horse was covered with blood.

Justice—Is the defendant here?

Mr. Blood-Smyth—He is not in Court.

Justice—I will impose a fine of £1 and allow 21/- costs.

"TINKERS" IN COURT.

Two men of the tinker class—John Casey and Michael Hourigan—were summoned for disorderly conduct and for creating scenes in public houses.

Guard Mooney stated that the defendants created pandemonium in the John Street area. They entered a public house and smashed everything they could lay hands on.

The defendants appealed to the Court for leniency and said that they were prepared to leave Limerick at once.

Justice—You won't leave Limerick all at once. You will each do a month in Limerick Jail and when your sentence is completed you can quit the city.

ALTERED AGE RECORD.

A girl named Margaret Murphy, 30 Moore's Lane, was charged with forgery by altering the age recorded in her birth certificate.

Supt. Collieran said that the girl would admit the offence. The defendant in order to get employment in England altered the age in her birth certificate. Her intention was to make herself younger, but she succeeded in making herself older (laughter).

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