

the chief culprit in the present case, but since he left Glenree he was charged with the larceny of onions. In the case against Thomas Fahy, Mungret St., charged with receiving the condensed milk, Cherry stated that he told Fahy he got the milk from a canal barge. Fahy gave him £2 5s. for the milk.

#### PAID THE FULL VALUE.

Mr. P. G. Collins, solicitor, for Fahy, said the defendant paid Cherry the full value of the milk.

Fahy, in evidence, said he bought the milk after satisfying himself that the milk was not stolen. He got a signed receipt from Cherry. He intended reporting the matter to the Guards.

The Justice said he would accept Fahy's explanation in this instance, and with regard to the other two defendants, he would let the cases stand adjourned for 12 months. If they committed any offence in the meantime they would go to jail.

### A.R.P. AND A.F.S. SERVICES

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

Sir—Many people witnessed the fine Red Cross parade in Limerick last Sunday. It was well carried out and reflected credit on those responsible, and also showed that the Red Cross were still functioning as they should.

But what of the A.R.P. services? What has become of them? They appear to have just faded away. This body will be required to render assistance in time of emergency, and certainly the members up to a few months ago were devoting a lot of time to perfecting themselves in their duties. But do they think that because they have learnt so much about their particular duties they can now sit back and wait for something to happen. If they think this they are very much mistaken. For any of these services to be in a proper state of efficiency, there is the need for regular training to keep each member in touch with his or her particular duty.

There is no reason why the A.R.P. services could not have a parade or display which, I am sure, would stimulate interest, which, I fear, is badly needed.

There is one other thing I would like to mention. This is in connection with the Auxiliary Fire Service. A fire-fighting contest was held in October last year, at which a shield was presented to the winning crew. We were given to understand that this shield would be contested annually. In fact, I have a newspaper cutting at hand, which gives this statement. I suggest that this contest be held soon, as it would not be playing the game if other crews did not have a chance of holding the shield. At the same time a new lease of life would be given to the A.F.S., as the spirit which animated it seems to have burned very low, if not extinguished itself. So come on A.R.P.

along and said that he was doing nothing, and that witness and two boys who were helping him were three beauties. When witness asked Father Kelly about his remark, complainant called him a scoundrel and attempted to strike him with a stick. Witness then caught him.

Mr. O'B. Kelly said it was a very serious thing to assault a man of Father Kelly's age, and he asked that defendant be bound to the peace.

The Justice said that defendant apparently lost his head, but he should not have assaulted the complainant. Defendant would be fined 5/-, with £1 1s. costs, and bound to the peace for twelve months.

### DEATH OF RETIRED N.T.

Mr. Timothy O'Connell, former Principal of Athea Boys' National School, died during the week-end. Deceased (writes our Athea correspondent) was a native of Glen-sharod, Ardagh, where he was the elder of a most respectable and very talented family. He himself was a man of singular ability, and was regarded as being one of the foremost mathematicians in the province. He was remarkable for his foresight, breadth of vision and sound judgment. Indeed, his sound commonsense and clarity of vision caused his advice to be much sought after by his neighbours. Endowed with a kindly and well-natured disposition, he was always the best of neighbours and the kindest of friends, and his long familiar figure is certain to be sadly missed by all those with whom he used to come into daily contact. About a decade ago—after more than forty years spent in the teaching profession—he retired on pension to enjoy a well-earned rest after his long and creditable career as a national teacher. The interment took place on Sunday at Temple Athea, the funeral cortege being one of the largest ever seen in the district and of a most representative character. To the widow, family, relatives and friends of the deceased the earnest sympathy of the public is extended in their sorrow and mourning.

### GIRL SENT TO JAIL

At Dromcollogher Court on Friday, before District Justice Charles Kenny, B.L., a young girl named Eileen Roche, of Barraneagurrane, Dromcollogher, was charged with the larceny of two bicycles—one at Charleville and the other at Castle-mahon, Co. Limerick—during the month of September. There was also an additional charge of having broken into the Carnegie Library at Broadford and stolen therefrom a quantity of clothes, the property of William Costelloe, the proprietor of a travelling Dramatic Company.

The defendant, who was not professionally represented, admitted the offences.

enemy infantry launched a but were compelled to retreat.

In the Eastern Caucasus fighting is going on for in the area, 50 miles from Grozny oil fields.

To-day's British command from Cairo says that, apart from patrol activity, there was to report from the land front yesterday. On Wednesday night, ever, medium bombers attacked targets in Tobruk, and above operations one aircraft was lost.

Allied Air Forces have carried out another swoop on Japanese lines in the Solomons and outlying bases. Targets were attacked by the Allied planes and Japanese war craft.

In brilliant sunshine hundreds of the U.S. Air Force bombers were over Northern France morning. A large force of fortresses also took part. Aeron after squadron of fighters went out to sea there was evidence that a great air offensive was in progress.

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Secretary for War, declared that whether by force of arms or supplies, or by the isolation of German armies from Hitler by the creation of a theatre of operations, that and every means of help would be given to Russia.

### FOYNES RED CROSS

Mr. P. Barry, District Officer of the West Limerick V.A.D., presided at the weekly meeting of the Red Cross Branch. He himself as very satisfied with attendance and the work done. He regretted that there was a small number of men in the organisation. It was necessary in an important town like Foynes, said, to have a well-trained Branch, and men were needed for the work. He appealed to come into the classes. It would not be even necessary for men to join the organisation. A meeting would be held on Friday afternoon, the 25th October. They were to be stretcher bearers and need to attend once a month. If they feel like doing more.

Mr. M. Tierney and Mr. J. Han have been appointed honorary drivers of the two ambulances, which were received to the Foynes V.A.D. Branch. They will undergo a special course of training.

### MISSING WOMAN'S FOUND

The body of Mrs. Mary (61), Cross Roads, Killaloe, missing from her home on September, was recovered from the river Shannon at Foynes.