

Two Inquests

Children's Deaths

Verdicts In County Cases

Dr P J Cleary, East Limerick Coroner, held two inquests at the Limerick County Hospital, Croom, into the circumstances of the deaths of John Ahern, aged 7, of Sarafeld street, Kilmallock, and Peggy O'Connor, aged 3 years and 8 months, of Caherlane, Abbeyfeale, both of whom were admitted to the institution last month.

Garda J Cunningham, Croom, represented the Gardaí.

Mrs Bridget Ahern stated she was a shopkeeper in Kilmallock and while attending in the shop on May 23 her son John was playing at the back where there was a wall which he attempted to climb. She heard him scream some time later and found that he was injured on the head by a stone that had fallen from the wall. He was admitted to the Co Hospital at Croom where he died later.

Medical evidence was given by Dr M O'Donnell, house surgeon, to the effect that deceased on admission was suffering from laceration of the brain and died on May 26.

A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was passed.

Sympathy was expressed with the mother and other relatives.

At the same inquest Mrs Elizabeth O'Connor stated her children were playing in the kitchen on May 28 as she was carrying on her household duties. One of the children had a rod chasing the others and in the course of play her little daughter Peggy fell into a pot of boiling milk. She was subsequently removed to the County Hospital at Croom where she died on 26th May.

Following medical evidence a verdict was returned that death was due to shock and toxæmia as a result of deceased accidentally falling into a pot of boiling milk.