

excuse that the men were invited guests.

A fine of 10/- was imposed on the publican and the men were fined 2/6 each.

Margaret O'Sullivan, Bridgetown, O'Brien's Bridge, was summoned by the Department of Supplies for selling jam in excess of the fixed price.

Mr. J. J. Power, State Solicitor, prosecuting, said that the defendant sold marmalade at 1/6 per lb, the fixed price being 1/5½.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, defending, said that there were so many grades the defendant's wife, who made the sale to an official of the Department, got confused.

The Justice imposed a fine of £1. Claire O'Halloran, Thomondgate, pleaded guilty to stealing goods from Messrs. Todd & Co. to the value of £23 14s.

Supt. Collieran prosecuted, and Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, defended.

Sergt. Hanrahan stated that the defendant was a tailoress employed by Messrs. Todd. She had occasion to pass through the wholesale department and certain goods were missed. He searched her house and found various stolen articles, including shirts.

Mr. O'Malley made a strong plea for leniency.

The Justice said that he had given the girl a chance on a previous occasion. He would take another long shot and pass a suspensory sentence of six months. If she appeared before him again on a larceny charge she would do twelve months.

Two youths named Kennedy and O'Dwyer were charged with various larcenies. A third youth named Howell was charged but the case against him was adjourned for a week, as he was unable to attend court.

Supt. Collieran said that the defendants carried out various robberies. O'Dwyer and Howell admitted the offences, but O'Dwyer denied complicity. There was a previous conviction against Kennedy. Howell could not be dealt with in his absence.

The Justice sentenced Kennedy to one month, and O'Dwyer to two months.

BRILLIANT FIGURE PASSES AWAY

The death took place some days ago of a brilliant Limerick figure in the person of Mr. P. J. Rea. The deceased, who was a native of Kilfinane, began life as a teacher in the Christian Brothers Schools, Limerick, and later opened a Civil Service and Commercial Academy in Henry Street, which he carried on up to his fatal illness. Over a year ago he met with an accident and had been in failing health ever since. He was a man of deep and wide culture and had the highest principles of honour and integrity. He was of a literary and patriotic turn of mind and devoted much of his leisure to writing for the Press. He wrote three plays, which were well received and successfully produced—"The Well of St. Malo," "Kilclooney," and "Brennan on the Moor." In early life he was an athlete of a high order, distinguishing himself specially in running and walking contests. An exceedingly kindly, genial and good-hearted man, he was held in the warmest esteem by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. One of his sons is parish priest in St. Alban's, England, and another, J. J. Rea, is a Lieutenant in the British Army, while a daughter, Sister Francis, is a nun in Nazareth House, London. The interment of deceased, who was close to the eighty years mark, took place in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, Limerick. To the bereaved family and other relatives we extend our very sincere sympathy.

COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of Limerick County Council will be held to-morrow.

LATE MRS. M. DILLON—A TRIBUTE

The recent death of Mrs. Margaret Dillon, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Behan, 2 Adelaide Terrace, is deeply regretted.

It is of interest to note that the deceased was a direct descendant, on Bishop Arthur's side, of the well-known Arthur family, who for generations were so prominently associated with the public life of our city, and after whom a number of our streets are still named— notably Arthur's Quay, Ellen St., etc. She was also a grand-niece of the late Father Pat McMahon.

Both her parents, John Arthur and Bridget O'Grady, came of grand old stocks, and will be remembered by the older generation among the hunting circles of East Clare.

Her passing closes another link in the history of Limerick. In her last hours she had the love and care of her daughter and grandchildren. Mrs. John Behan, Brendan and Maureen. She died, as she had lived all her life, in the love and fear of Almighty God.

(American and Australian papers, please copy).

DEATH OF A NUN

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mother Mary Agatha (Murphy), which took place in St. Mary's Convent, Limerick, on Wednesday evening. The deceased religieuse was a native of Ardpatrik, Co. Limerick. Just 44 years ago she abandoned the world and entered the Mercy Order. During the intervening years Mother Agatha held many responsible offices. For upwards of 20 years she was a member of the professorial staff in the Mary Immaculate Training College, where she distinguished herself for her erudition. Later, for a period of six years, she was Superioress of the Mount Convent and for the last fifteen years of her life she was bursar of the Order in Limerick. She was an aunt of Rev. Dr. Murphy, St. Munchin's College, Limerick.

The interment took place this morning in the grounds of St. Mary's Convent after Solemn Office and Requiem Mass.

DEATH OF JOURNALIST

The death took place on Monday last of Mr. Thomas J. Finlay, Journalist, Morrison Terrace, Ballina, Co. Mayo. Deceased, who had been ailing for some time past, was very well known in newspaper circles in the west, south and east of Ireland and was up to a short time ago Editor of the "Ballina Herald," a position which he filled with distinction. A very brilliant and able journalist, he contributed many noteworthy articles to different periodicals and also wrote several poems. In the course of his career he worked on the staffs of the "Southern Star," "Dundalk Democrat," "Wicklow Post," "Mayo News," etc. His passing will be deeply deplored by all who knew him, particularly by his old colleagues in different parts of the country, who will always remember him as a sincere and loyal colleague and a good friend.

PAPAL DECORATION

Mr. T. Meehan, of 83 Kimmage Road West, Dublin, has recently been awarded the Cross Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice by his Holiness the Pope in recognition of his outstanding work in the cause of Catholic education while in England.

Mr. Meehan was Head Teacher of St. Joseph's Boys' School, Bechells, Birmingham, for more

PAPER BY LIMERICK ENGINEER

At a meeting of Dublin Centre of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, held in Trinity College, a paper, entitled "Some Problems in Transmission and Design," was read by Mr. Anthony Burke, B.E., Associate Member, who dealt at considerable length with the serious damage caused by snowstorms to transmission lines in Ireland, and of consequent departure from existing methods of erecting such lines.

In the paper, which runs to 10,000 words, the factors governing the examination of breakdown data are critically analysed and the data and conclusions arising from snowstorms which caused damage to lines six times from February, 1933, to January, 1941—the first and last being the most severe—and reasons are given for some suggested methods for providing against a serious breakdown in the system on such occasions.

A long discussion followed the reading of the paper, which is illustrated with many maps, etc.

Mr. Burke, who is a very eminent member of his profession, is a Limerick man, and has been on the E.S.B. staff in Dublin for some years. He is son of Mr. W. S. Burke, the brilliant, versatile and deservedly very popular Limerick journalist.

SARFIELD'S ROCK

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

Dear Sir—The destruction of "St. Ita's Dairy" and Creggane Castle are not, I regret to say, the only cases of vandalism in our county. The far-famed landmark known as Sarsfield's Rock at Ballyneety is falling a prey to the depredations of the road-mender. The last time I saw the Rock (which was about 18 months ago) they had a goodly junk bitten out of it, and I should think that in about 20 years time, at the present rate of work, not a stone shall mark the spot.

A castle also stood near the Rock, but it has vanished without a trace. I do not know who wreaked their vengeance on it, but I should think it was road-makers of bygone times. —Yours faithfully,

"ANTIQUARIAN."

OLD I.R.A. MAN PASSES

Mr. William Ryan, Clonbonny, Newport, who has died at a young age (writes our Newport correspondent) was vice-chairman of the Newport Coursing Committee, and he was a keen supporter of all forms of sport. Giving an oration at the graveside of deceased, Mr. John Lee, Clonsingle, said that the late William Ryan was attached to the sixth Battalion, Old I.R.A. His work for his country, he said, was not forgotten by his old comrades, who came there that day to pay their last tribute to a popular and true member of that well-known patriotic group.

LIVED TO BE 92

The death of Mr. William Hassett occurred on Monday, 18th inst., at his residence, Castleroberts, Adare.

Deceased had attained the age of 92 years, but right up to the end his faculties were unimpaired. His remains were removed to the parish church on Tuesday evening, 29th inst., and the funeral, which was attended by a large and representative assembly, took place on Wednesday, 20th inst., to the family burial place, Croom. The officiating clergy were:—Very Rev. P. J. Canon Thornhill, P.P., Adare, and Rev. J. Culhane, C.C., do.

KILLED BY LORRY

A farmer named John Bonfield (39), single, of Burgess, Nenagh, died as a result of head injuries received when knocked down by a