

the Ennis County Hospital for treatment.

## DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL J. BOURKE

The death of Mr. Michael J. Bourke, 43 Roxboro' Road, Limerick, which took place on Thursday, 19th inst., has occasioned widespread regret and sorrow. The deceased, a valued employee of the Great Southern Railways, was younger brother of Ald. D. Bourke, T.D., to whom and the other members of the family deep sympathy is tendered in their bereavement.

The late Mr. Bourke, like his brother, took a prominent part in the national movement. Though of a retiring disposition, he had hosts of friends in the city and was held in very high esteem by all who knew him. The funeral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery was of very large proportions.

## RATHKEALE CARNIVAL

A very successful carnival under the auspices of the local L.D.F. Company was opened at Rathkeale on Sunday. The fixture was initiated with a children's fancy dress parade, which proved a big attraction, despite inclement weather. A comprehensive programme of sporting and athletic events, as well as amusements and entertainments, was provided, and excellent music was supplied by the Rathkeale L.D.F. Brass Band. A new and novel feature was the fancy dress football match. The proceeds are to be devoted to the funds of the local L.D.F. Details of attractions for the remainder of the week will be found on page one of this issue.

## GUINNESS DIVIDEND

Arthur Guinness, Son and Co., Ltd., have recommended a final Ordinary dividend of £13 p.c., with a bonus of £5 p.c., both less tax, making, with the interim of £11 p.c., a total distribution for the year of £24 p.c. and bonus of £5 p.c. The net profit was £1,290,903. Last year the net profit was £1,192,053.

## HARVEST ACCIDENT.

A young man named Cunneen, from Quilty, Co. Clare, was removed to hospital in a critical condition from injuries received when sliding down a rick of hay which he had finished. He came in contact with the handle of a hay fork which was stuck in the ground.

## UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES

The number of persons registered at the Employment Exchanges on 21st August was 48,030, a reduction of 1,746 as compared with the previous week. The number in the corresponding period last year was 57,320.

## FALSE ALARM FINE

Two National Fire Service members, said to have invited a girl to break a Belfast fire alarm because they were "fed up hanging around," were each fined £20 at a local court yesterday. The girl, under 16, was placed on probation.

steamer in electric light bulb.  
From Mr. Raymond Quigley, L.S.S. Coy., model of 3-masted schooner, made of matches, containing 1,836 matches; model of galloon, consisting of 2,266 matches.  
From Mr. P. Hough, model of 4-masted barque in glass case. Full-rigged ship, "Suzianna," in glass case.

From Mr. P. Keane, model of the "Golden Hind," a marvellous display of skill and patience.

From Limerick Steamship Co., Ltd., model of S.S. "Tervoe" in glass case.

## PAINTINGS, CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

From Messrs. F. Spaight and Sons, Ltd.—Oil paintings of three historic old Limerick sailing ships, "Derry Castle," "Crag an Darragh" and "Shannon."

From Capt. Hanrahan—Photographs of Limerick Docks, 1905.

From Limerick Harbour Board—Sketch of Sarsfield Bridge and Docks, 1850. Hydrographic sketch, port of Limerick, 1794.

From Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan—Painting of old Limerick Quays. Painting of Limerick Docks, 1897.

## NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Model of man in oilskins wearing latest type of life saving waistcoat with electric light bulb attached to show position at night of man in water.

Ship's clock, log with line complete.

Ship's lifeboat, compass.

Aldis signaling lamp, for morse code signals, as used in British Navy.

Ship's sextant for obtaining angles of celestial bodies to determine ship's position at sea.

## "TAIT'S"

Tait's clock, that daily marks the flight of time!

Candour compels me to assert your chime

Is not in tune; it could be made much sweeter

As Limerick's memento of Sir Peter.

This lapse may come from injuries internal

Inflicted in a fit of rage infernal

By alien bullets, fired by "Black-and-Tans"

For many years among the "also rans."

A move that would be truly patriotic.

Would take away "Westminster chime" exotic,

And give the people melody o'erflowing

By substituting bars from "Garry-owen."

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## FOYNES PRIZE WINNER

Miss Mamie Culhane, Main Street, Foynes, was the winner of the bicycle (or its value) raffled by the Committee of the Foynes Carnival. The draw took place during an interval between the pictures in Gazette's Cinema on Tuesday night. Master James Finucane drew the lucky ticket, and the Secretary of the Foynes Development Association presided at the draw. Miss Culhane has decided to take the ten pounds (£10) offered as the value of the bicycle.

the columns of your influential paper, to deal with the unemployment treatment which has been meted out of late to customers who have for years been dealing with leather distributing agents. Having been in the boot and shoe business a long time, I am at a loss to know how this shortage of leather requirements came about. Up some time ago I was getting a reasonable quantity of leather from my agent, but until recently orders were reduced. After an interview with my supplier his explanation on the matter I decided on taking the question with the Minister for Supplies. When attending a conference of the Federation of Irish Manufacturers in Dublin, of which I am a member, I availed of the opportunity to pay a visit to the Department of Supplies. I got in touch with the Minister's Secretary and furnished him with a detailed account of my case, which he listened to very attentively. Some time afterwards I received a letter from him dated 15th June, 1943, which the following passage occurs: "I am to add that, with a view to relieving the shortage, the Minister has made arrangements where the tanners have been enabled to deliver additional supplies to wholesale factors for distribution to the repair trade." On the face of such an assurance, it is surprising that our Limerick Tannery which now has such a splendid reputation for producing sole leather should have to close down. The only tannery that I know of that is giving increased supplies to agents is Portlaw. A big number of boot and shoe repairers, whose livelihood was mainly dependent on the leather trade, had to suspend work on repairs owing to the alleged shortage. Despite the fact that additional supplies were distributed.

Another matter which I would like to direct attention to and that is that agents should, on all occasions, give preference to the customers who have been dealing with them for years, and stop sending leather during such a restricted period to every Tom, Dick and Harry, whose methods at repairing work have destroyed good footwear and who afterwards come along with the skilled worker to make a decent job of their botching. The wholesale distribution of leather to such people and leaving good customers without it was another glaring injustice. In conclusion, I wish to hope that when the Tannery gets full swing again adequate supplies will be available for customers whose livelihood depends on the business, and who are in return giving an amount of much-needed employment to city workers. Coming on the winter months, business in the boot and shoe repairing line is fairly good and the poor, who are not in a position to pay a big sum for new footwear, get an amount of repairs done. If a fair allocation of hides are supplied to our City Tannery then the boot repairers will be able to cope with all work given them.

Thanking you for the publication of this letter, I beg to remain yours faithfully,

MICHAEL WALLACE,  
Proprietor, Boot and Shoe Repairing Depot, 2 & 3, Henry St., Limerick.