

CHARGE DISMISSED

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JUSTICE'S WITHERING COMMENTS

"With considerable reluctance I dismiss the charge against this man, having given him all the abuse I think he is well entitled to," said Justice D. F. Gleeson at Ennis District Court, when giving his decision in favour of Daniel O'Gorman, of Drumduff, Maurices Mills, a married farmer who was charged with receiving a set of harness knowing it to have been stolen. After hearing the evidence the Justice said that the defendant was either a very clever criminal or one of the biggest fools that ever came into a court of law on any charge. There was no choice between the two. O'Gorman had given evidence and he had watched him carefully all the time to see did he fit into either of the two categories he had in mind. This was an important case for this reason: it would not be worth the while of the blackguards who stole the harness to do so unless there were fools like O'Gorman to buy it from them. He had spoken for the past twelve months on that matter but apparently his words, if they ever got to the eyes or ears of O'Gorman, had not made any impression on him. After closely studying O'Gorman he had come to the conclusion that he had walked into this thing with his eyes open, and was now trying to get out of it with his eyes shut. If he thought he was a rogue he would send him to prison for six months without the slightest hesitation. He had some hesitation in believing he was a rogue, but had come to the conclusion he was a bit of a mug who had made a fool of himself attempting to make a fool of the authorities. He was a very poor specimen of citizenship, one of the poorest he had seen in court for a long time, but he doubted if he was a criminal.

DEATH.

Gallagher—Sept. 22nd, at the Co. Infirmity, Mai Gallagher, C.M.B., Mount Vincent, O'Connell Avenue; deeply regretted. Remains will be removed to St. Michael Church this (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock. Funeral after 10.30 Mass to-morrow (Thursday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

...the following business:—"To consider, and if approved, adopt a resolution creating Limerick Corporation 3½ per cent., redeemable stock 1956-72, to be issued to such nominal amount as will yield £732,976 11s. 8d. plus the necessary expenses; such stock to be redeemable at par on 1st December, 1956, or at any intervening date from then to 1st Dec., 1972."

THE COMMUNAL SPIRIT

In his annual report Mr. D. Foley, County Librarian, Clare, refers to "the drastic restrictions on the supply of paraffin oil to country homes," and says such restrictions imposed severe handicaps on winter reading. In some places where there was a club or hall, people tried to overcome these restrictions in a communal spirit by selecting a "reading hour" in the evening, when as many as could gathered with their library books.

SECURED POSITIONS

Thousands of students who had completed courses in the schools had secured positions because of their training in commerce, their mechanical skill or their proficiency in the domestic art, said Rev. J. Walsh, C.C., at St. Finbarr's Church, where he celebrated the annual Mass for the inaugural session of Cork City Vocational Education Schools.

UNAUTHORISED WEARING OF L.D.F. UNIFORMS

Ennis District Staff, L.D.F., has issued a warning to members of the Force that the unauthorised wearing of uniforms or great coats will be followed by disciplinary action and may entail discharge of the offending member from the organisation.

WATERFORD PORT REVENUE

Waterford port revenue for the first eight months of this year was £3,000 less than for the corresponding period last year. The Harbour Commissioners decided to increase shipping dues to the maximum rate of 1/- a ton from October 1st.

TINSMITH FINED £50

Patrick Doran, tinsmith, Athy, Co. Kildare, was, at Omagh, fined £50 for attempting to remove to Eire seven hundred-weight sheet tin, which was concealed in a horse-drawn van.

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