

A Child's Death

Co Limerick Case

Inquest Proceedings

On the application of Superintendent M McKenna, G S, who represented the authorities, the Deputy Coroner for West Limerick adjourned, pending further inquiries, an inquest opened at Loughill on John McGrath, a five months' old infant, who died at the home of Mrs Helena O'Connor, Knocknaboula, Loughill, where the infant was being boarded out.

Evidence was being given by Josephine McGrath, Ballynash, Foynes, to the effect that the child was born in Croom County Hospital on 14th August last. She left the child with Mrs O'Connor, who agreed to keep the infant for £1 per month. When witness went to Mrs O'Connor's on 23rd January the child was in a dying condition and died that evening.

Dr Agnes Nolan, M B, Shanagolden, who performed a postmortem, said that all the organs of the child were perfectly healthy. In witness's opinion death was due to inattention caused by insufficient food.

Corroborative evidence was given by Dr G O'Brien, Newcastle West.

Supt McKenna informed the jury at this stage that the inquest would be adjourned sine die, pending further inquiries.
