

concerned to the public weigh never erected by the Corporation on a vacant space in Garryowen last summer. What the citizens would like to know is—for what purpose was it erected, as it has never been availed of to weigh anything since its erection.

Have our City Fathers forgotten all about the existence of its concrete "white elephant" standing mute of malice within the historic ramparts of Garryowen? Or must the official town planner, Mr. Manning Robertson, be consulted of course, at the ratepayers expense—to decide its fate?—Yours faithfully,

"KNIGHT'S CREST"

ACTIVE WOMAN "POSTMAN" IN CLARE

The only woman "postman" in County Clare (writes our Ennis correspondent) is Mrs. Elizabeth O'Donoghue, mother of six children—four boys and two girls—two of whom are twins. She takes up duty about 8 o'clock every morning except Sunday, arranges her letters before setting out on her rounds, and delivers them in the village of Corofin and district. Afterwards she cycles three miles to the sub-post office at Ruan, where she collects letters and parcels to be transmitted by rail with the Corofin mails which she pushes on a handcart for half a mile. Then she finds time to attend to her household duties and prepare food for her husband, who is a road overseer employed by the Clare County Council. At the end of the day she can truly say like the little man in the song that she has had a busy day.

DIED IN FRANCE

Mr. Stephen B. O'Brien (33), who died in France on 31st of October (writes our Rathkeale correspondent) was a son of John and the late Mrs. O'Brien, Ballinaha, Ballingarry. He emigrated to America about fifteen years ago. He leaves a wife and one child in Chicago. The youngest member of the family, he is survived by four sisters and four brothers in Ireland and one brother in America. Members of the O'Brien family took an active part in the Anglo-Irish war and the O'Brien home at Ballinaha was a place of refuge for men of the I.R.A. throughout that struggle.

GLIN OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of Glin Old Age Pensions Committee, Mr. P. Conway presided, and also present were Messrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, P.C.; William Dillane, John F. Culhane and James Hogan.

Six claims were before the meeting and, on being considered, were passed with full pension.

EQUIPMENT TAKEN 'UP.

Following the recent order from the Commissioner suspending all L.S.F. activities for the present (writes our Dromcollogher correspondent), all equipment of the local Group has been collected and deposited in the local Garda Station. The Group Staff, however, continues its activities.

TEACHING APPOINTMENT.

Following the retirement of Mrs. K. O'Mahony (writes our Dromcollogher correspondent), Mrs. E. Ryan, who has served as assistant in Dromcollogher Girls N.S. for a long number of years, has been appointed principal.

CHARLEVILLE RUGBY WIN

The Charleville Rugby fifteen travelled on Sunday last to Tipperary, where they met Clanwilliam on their own grounds and after a strenuous contest emerged winners by 3 points to nil.

The question of the next meeting, which was to be the first annual "At Home" of the Society, was discussed with the sub-committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements, and it was agreed to hold it at the Stella Restaurant on Thursday, the 1st of February, at 8 p.m. The programme would be a short descriptive paper entitled "Pages from the Diary of a Limerick Lady," followed by tea and musical items. The price of admission to members and their friends would be 2-6.

The Chairman expressed the hope that all members would attend, as they were assured of a good evening's entertainment.

LIMERICK GAELIC LEAGUE

Limerick City Gaelic League Branch, virile and energetic as ever, will hold one of its most important functions of the year on to-morrow (Saturday) night. A ceiliúche mhór, under its auspices will take place at the Technical Institute Hall, commencing at 9 p.m. Tickets, 3/6 each, are now on sale, and those intending to be present are advised to procure their tickets without delay.

It is of interest to note that Rev. Father Ulan, O.F.M., will deliver a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, at the Gaelic League premises, Thomas Street, on Wednesday, 24th inst., commencing at 8 p.m. Father Ulan, who until recently was attached to the Limerick House of the Franciscan Order, was a tower of strength to the Irish language movement in Limerick, and on the occasion of his lecture will be afforded an opportunity of renewing numerous acquaintances.

FEAST OF SAINT ITA

A day of sunshine and inviting pleasantness attracted a large congregation to Killeedy on Monday, January 15th, Feast of St. Ita (writes our Killeedy correspondent). High Mass was celebrated in the Parish Church at 11 o'clock, after which devotional exercises were continued at St. Ita's Shrine, where once stood her convent home. The crowd of worshippers far exceeded those of previous years, the adjoining parishes supplying a large quota. The celebrant of the High Mass was Rev. M. Frawley, C.C.; deacon, Rev. C. O'Sullivan, P.P.; sub-deacon, Rev. P. Enright, C.C.; master of ceremonies, Rev. M. Brown, B.D.

COSTLY BICYCLE TYRES

Michael O'Neill, a farmer residing at Kilnacranjé, Quin, appealed at the Clare Circuit Court against a sentence of one month's imprisonment on a charge of conspiring with others to sell two bicycle tyres for 13 to Martin Devanny, a labourer, the legal price being 8/- each. Judge Barra O Briain affirmed the conviction by the District Justice but varied the order to a fine of £10 instead of imprisonment.

SWORN INQUIRY URGED

Kerry Co. Council has asked the Minister to hold a sworn inquiry into the roads administration. The Council adjourned the adoption of a provisional road work scheme. Members expressed the opinion that the ratepayers had not received value for the money expended.

Mr. T. Walsh said that Kerry was the highest rated county of the 26, and had the worst roads, despite 7/- in the £ set aside for their upkeep.

THREE MONTHS FOR STEALING WATCH

At Clare Circuit Court a young man named James O'Brien, of Doolin, was found guilty of the larceny of a gentleman's silver watch received by John Long, of Cronagort, North Clare, from his aunt in America. Accused was sentenced by Judge Barra O Briain to three months imprisonment with hard labour.

LIMERICK COUNTY BOARD, N.A.C.A.

The annual convention of the Limerick N.A.C.A. Board will be held on Sunday next at Geary's Hotel, Thomas Street, Limerick, commencing at 2.45 p.m. sharp. There are thirty motions down for discussion and some lively debates are expected in some, particularly those dealing with intermediate sports and handicapping. Nominations to date are as follows:

Chairman J. O'Kelly-Lynch (out-going), Rev. Father G. Enright, C.C.; Jack Waters, Vice-Chairman—J. F. Sheehy (out-going), Sean Toomey.

Hon. County Secretary and Treasurer Michael Slattery (out-going), unopposed.

Hon. County Assistant Secretary Tom MacInerney (out-going), unopposed.

Mr. Sean Toomey has also been nominated as hon. treasurer, but this is unusual, as the positions of secretary and treasurer since 1940 are combined.

ATTRACTIVE "45" DRIVE.

In connection with the usual Monday night "45" Drive at the Mechanics' Institute, Hartstonge Street, it is to be stated that on Monday next, January 22nd, the drive will be run in aid of the Retreat House, Reparation Convent, Limerick. All are invited to attend and patrons are assured of having a good night's entertainment as well as helping in the very charitable work which the community have done and are doing in the city. The drive on Monday night next starts at 9.15. Cash prizes totalling £12 guaranteed. Score cards, 1/- each.

IMPRISONMENT ORDER VARIED.

William McKeen and Thomas Kerin, of Dereen, North Clare, appealed at Clare Circuit Court against sentences of one month's imprisonment each for assault on 18 years old Austin McNamara, of Curraclon, Kilshanny. A civil action against the same defendants was settled for £30. Judge Barra O Briain affirmed the conviction, but directed that the sentence be not enforced if the defendants kept the peace for two years.

BRUFF BRANCH OF I.C.A.

There was a large attendance of members at the first meeting of the newly-formed branch of the Irish Countrywomen's Association at Bruff. Mrs. P. McKenna gave a lecture on dressmaking and Dr. T. Woulfe gave an instruction on hygiene.

BROADCAST OF FOLK MELODIES

Mr. Tadhg Smalle, Limerick, will broadcast a special selection of folk melodies (his own violin arrangements) from the Cork Studio on next Wednesday, 24th January. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Sean Nelson.

D COMPANY, OLD I.R.A.

The members of old D Company of the Pre-Truce I.R.A. will meet at St. Munchin's Temperance Hall on Thursday, 25th inst., at 8 p.m. As the agenda includes many items of deep interests to the Company, a large attendance is expected.

"YEOMEN OF THE GUARD"

A special critique of the production of the above by pupils of Limerick Christian Brothers' Schools is unavoidably held over. It will appear in Monday's issue.

KILMALLOCK COURT

Kilmallock summary Court was not held on Thursday of last week and all business will be transferred to the next summary Court there, on the 8th February.

he had been acting on his instructions in making a for entry into the house.

Judge Barra O Briain released accused on his own recognisance of £5 and his father's bond of £5.

During the hearing of the names of no less than five British monarchs were mentioned: Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth, James, Queen Victoria and Richard II.

Mr. G. Kenny, B.L., for the defence, said the Act under which prosecution was brought had passed over 500 years ago with conditions in the Middle Ages in England, when robbers were going around the country hordes of lawless retainers to away their neighbours' property. The Act had been applied to the country by Poyning's Act, and subsequently had been adopted by the Oireachtas.

The Judge, smilingly, said he did not know much about Richard, as he had lived a long time before his time, but as the Act had been taken over by the Oireachtas he had no option but to enforce when called upon to do so.

GAELIC LEAGUE

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CASTLECONNELL BRANCH PROGRAMME

At a meeting of the re-elected committee of the Castleconnell Branch of the Gaelic League it was decided to hold the following functions during the first half of 1945:—(1) A three-act drama in English which deals with the of Ireland's cause in 1798, a sketch in Irish and a most interesting programme of Irish music and dance; (2) a Ceiliúche mhór on St. Patrick's night; (3) Aeridheacht, early in July, would be combined, if possible, with a camogie tournament. The final of a proposed quarter time competition between the schools in the parish for a cup will be offered.

The committee desires to take this opportunity of thanking local military authorities for sponsoring the very successful St. Patrick's night cellidhes here.

All intending members of the branch should secure their membership cards and any other information they may require from secretary before the 31st of January.

"AN CABAC RUA"

ELECTION OF ENGINEER

At the general meeting of the John's Hospital Committee, held on Friday, 12th inst., Rev. M. McKeen, P.P., presiding, Mr. Donaghy O'Malley, B.E., was unanimously elected to the position of Engineer to the Hospital during the absence of Mr. W. Ryan. This position was formerly held by O'Malley's father, the late Mr. O'Malley, B.E.

CASTLECONNELL CALL

Writing under the above heading a correspondent signing himself "Public Health" makes a plea for a proper water supply and sewerage scheme at Castleconnell. "We will be too late," he says, "until there is an outbreak of typhoid." He is confident our Limerick Councillors will not turn a deaf ear to a request of vital importance.

HELD OVER

Owing to great pressure, our advertising columns we are temporarily compelled to hold over weekly gardening article, "Scraps," report of annual meeting of Hospital Parish Guild of Maryna Tire and several other items of which will appear in our week-end issue.