

Sentences of six and three months imprisonment, not to take effect if accused was of good behaviour for two years, were imposed.

Remarking that they were two very efficient officers, the Justice commended Det.-Sergt. Murphy and Det.-Garda Sherry, who carried out the Garda investigations in the case.

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### ENNIS URBAN RATE.

On the motion of Senator T. V. Honan, chairman, seconded by Mr. J. Degnan, Ennis Urban Council adopted a rate of 22/- in the £ for the ensuing financial year, a reduction of 1/-. Thanks were voted to the County Manager (Mr. D. O'Keeffe) for the manner in which he had transacted the urban affairs during the past year, and to the chairman for his assistance. A few years ago the urban rate was 25/- in the £.

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### KILFINANE PLOTHOLDERS' GESTURE

The plotholders under Kilfinane Parish Council Allotments Scheme agreed to subscribe a ton of potatoes for the Irish Red Cross, to be sent to France, and the collection of same is now taking place. This is pointed out by our Kilfinane correspondent, who also mentions that since the scheme was first operated, five years ago, potatoes to the value of £4,500 have been raised.

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### SANG IN MANCHESTER

Sean Ryan, the young Irish tenor, native of Killaloe, crossed over from Dublin to sing at a Gaelic League concert in Manchester on Wednesday of last week. He had just completed a tour of six weeks in Ireland with tremendous success.

Season is reasonably good should be very plentiful next autumn. It was stated that many farmers in the Pallaskenry-Askeaton area had gone over to fruit cultivation exclusively, from which it should follow that production will be increased considerably. Town folk will be interested in this development, but, no doubt, they will be even more interested in the question of the price. Last year there was a glut of apples in the country, yet the consumer was required to pay an exorbitant price for this particular fruit.

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### FIXING THE BLAME.

When a furore was created last autumn over the abnormal prices then ruling for apples the producer blamed the retailer and the retailer replied in kind. Between the two, however, the consumer was muled and many had to do without their "apple a day." The consumer must be the flogging horse for all; he is nobody's darling, despite anything that may be said to the contrary. Prices must soar because profits have got to be made and when the worm turns once in a while a babel of tongues is let loose about production costs, middle men's profits and so forth. But the vicious spiral keeps moving on.

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### DEATH.

Wallnut - March 21st, 1945 (after brief illness), at his residence, Corbally Cottage, Limerick, Charles, beloved husband of Gwendoline Wallnut. Remains will be removed to St. Munchin's Church at 8.15 p.m. to-night (Wednesday). Funeral service at St. Munchin's Church to-morrow (Thursday) at 11 a.m. Interment immediately afterwards. "Peace, perfect peace."