

CHALK GALORE!

To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")
Dear Sir—The reference made at the meeting of the Harbour Board on Monday last to vandalism in the city was timely, indeed, and the remarks of one speaker, who referred to the chalking of houses, etc., deserve special attention. To my mind, instead of abolishing slum areas, the whole city is assuming the appearance of a slum, due to the indiscriminate chalking of roads, walls, pathways, and worse than all, doors and gates. Where the children get the chalk is a mystery, but there seems to be an abundance of it at their disposal, because the entire city, particularly the streets, is ruined as the outcome of the activities of the chalkers. Visitors to Limerick do not but bring away impressions of a city over which no one seems to have control. I have been to practically every city and town in Ireland and have to wait until I come home to Limerick to see the pathways, roads, etc., disfigured by chalk marks. Can the authorities do anything to overcome this awful practice?—Yours faithfully,

"CITIZEN."

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grasping a shovel which was at hand, struck the horse on the head and brought him to a standstill. The cart and harness were badly damaged but the horse escaped unhurt.

PRESENTATION OF WIRELESS SET.

Members of the Bruff Local Defence Force made a presentation of a wireless set to ex-Sergeant Joseph Ryan, Ballingoola, Herbertstown, who has been their instructor practically from their formation until his recent retirement. District Leader W. T. Purcell paid tribute to Mr. Ryan's efficiency as instructor, and Mr. Ryan returned thanks.

BIRTH.

Raleigh—Easter Sunday, 1945, at "Strathnaver," Ennis Road, Limerick, to Edna, wife of Cecil B. Raleigh—a daughter (Alison Edna Mary).

DEATH.

Mulqueen (Limerick)—April 11th, at her residence, 34, Rossa Avenue, Limerick, Mrs. Elizabeth Mulqueen; to the inexpressible grief of her daughter and sons. R.I.P. Remains will be removed at 8 o'clock this (Wednesday) night to St. John's Cathedral. Funeral on Thursday at 3 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

the wave of blackguardism would very quickly subside.

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Parents have been largely blamed—and we believe not without reason—for the widespread spirit of mischief and evil prevailing among the young of to-day. If they fail to check in time the destructive pranks and activities of their children they cannot be surprised if these little ones develop a more serious tendency to wrong and destruction later on. Fathers and mothers, therefore, should exercise much greater care and vigilance in this respect than many of them do. The citizens in general, however, should understand that, as Alderman Carew quite properly put it, if they had a sound civic sense of duty "the depredations that were going on would be stopped effectively."