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## Licensing Case

At Adare Court on Tuesday, before Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J., Sert. Reidy summoned Daniel Hourigan, Ballingarry, for not having a reflector on a cart and for giving a wrong name.

Complainant said the defendant at first gave a wrong name and he had difficulty in establishing his identity.

The Justice fined the defendant 5/- for not having a reflector and £2 on the other summonses.

Thomas Meany, Rathmeale, was summoned for a breach of the Licensing Laws on Sunday, 10th June.

Inspector Griffin prosecuted, and Mr. M. F. Noonan, solicitor (Messrs. P. T. Liston and Co.) appeared for the defendant.

Garda Geraghty said that at 9.15 p.m. on the date in question he was near the defendant's premises and saw men running from the rear. Garda Rafferty went to the front door and witness went around to the back. He found twelve men on the premises and they said they had come from a hurling match at Kildimo and were looking for a drink.

Mr. Noonan said he would admit that the men were on the premises but they did not get any drink. One of Mr. Meany's children had apparently opened the back door when going out to the fields and the men came in of their own accord. Mr. Meany was cleaning up the bar and he refused to give the men a drink. He had no intention of serving them and was putting them out when the Guard walked in.

Defendant bore out his solicitor's statement in evidence.

Recalled by the Justice, Garda Geraghty said that as he saw the position in the bar the facts could have been as stated by Mr. Meany.

The Justice dismissed the case against the publican and fined the men on the premises five shillings each.

## DROWNING TRAGEDY

While bathing in the Shannon at Doonaha, West Clare, Richard McGuire (25), of Doonaha, was drowned. Thomas Collins, who saw him in difficulties, went to his assistance, but his gallant efforts were foiled by huge swells. The body was recovered an hour and a half later, and artificial respiration was applied without avail. At an inquest held later a verdict of accidental drowning was returned.

Why didn't you take the left side, having changed second gear?—I felt that what did was safer. Buses might have been passing at that hour.

His Worship said that he would dismiss the charge of dangerous driving. He must, however, consider the question of careless driving punishable under Section 50 of the Act. He would impose a nominal fine of 5/- on this charge and expressed the hope that defendant's position in the company would not be jeopardised by the fine. In imposing punishment, no matter how small, imposed by C.I.E. on the defendant would be out of all proportion to the offence committed by him. Defendant had an excellent record and the whole was unfortunate. He directed O'Malley to convey his remarks to C.I.E.

## L.D.F. CAMP AT LAHINCH

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### EMPLOYERS TO CO-OPERATE

At a recent meeting of the Executive Council of the Limerick Employers' Federation, a letter was read from the O/C., 49th Battalion, L.D.F., stating that it was intended to hold a two week camp at Lahinch from 28th July to 11th August, 1945, for the purpose of giving military training to members of the L.D.F., and expressing the hope that all city employers will grant facilities to men wishing to attend the course for any week at least during the period mentioned.

It was unanimously decided to recommend to all employers every co-operation should be given in this matter and that those employees desirous of attending the course should be facilitated as far as working arrangements permitted.

### EAST CLARE COTTAGE SCHEME

On the recommendation of the County Engineer, the Clare Manager approved of the employment of a gang of men at the making of concrete blocks at Clonboy, Bridgetown by direct labour. The blocks are required in the building of new cottages in the Meelick area. Amongst those to be employed are a foreman at 70/- a week and a semi-skilled man at 52/-.