

DANGEROUS SLIP

Scene Of Many Fatalities

COMMENTS BY DEPUTY CORONER

A recommendation that a slipway to the Shannon at Nolan's Cottages be closed up was made at an inquest held in the city by Mr. J. S. McNeice, solicitor, Deputy Coroner, touching the circumstances of the death of a child by drowning.

The child, Stephanie Crean, aged 2½ years, 13 Nolan's Cottages, Curraghgower, fell into the river from the slipway last Saturday and was drowned.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. E. Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, and evidence of identification was given by the child's father, Thomas Crean, an operative at the Limerick Clothing Factory.

Wm. Sheehan stated that at 6 p.m. on Saturday he heard shouting while passing by the river near Nolan's Cottages. He looked into the river and saw a child floating face downwards about 20 yards from the slip. He jumped in and brought the child to the quay and the child was taken to Barrington's Hospital by Patrick Clancy. Witness did not know whether the child was dead or alive when he took her from the water. He was not able to swim.

Patrick Clancy, Nolan's Cottages, gave evidence of taking the child to the hospital, and, questioned by the Coroner, said he lived for 25 years at Nolan's Cottages. The steps were not now used by fishermen or by the people of the locality for domestic purposes.

A verdict of asphyxia, following drowning in the Shannon at Nolan's Cottages steps was returned.

The Deputy Coroner said there had been several drowning fatalities at the spot and several rescues and since it transpired from the evidence that the steps were not used for any purpose now he thought that the authorities should erect some structure to prevent children using the steps. He recommended that the slipway be closed up.

IRISH HUNT SCENES

FOR BRITISH FILM

The famous Scarteen Hunt (Black and Tans) have during the past fortnight provided a series of interesting scenes, which will be

CITY RATEPAYERS

Discuss Matters Of Importance

QUESTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING

Mr. T. J. Loughrey, Chairman, presided at the monthly meeting of the Limerick Citizens' and Ratepayers Society held last night.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

A discussion took place relative to the choking of shores through the city, which resulted in overflowing during wet weather, and of which many complaints had been received.

It was suggested that shores should be examined from time to time with a view to their being kept clean.

The condition of the Dock Road was also referred to, the surface of which was in a very bad state, as were the footpaths and roadways in Gerard Street and Henry Street, and the hope was expressed that those places be attended to as soon as possible.

HIGH COST OF PUBLIC LIGHTING.

A letter was read from the Acting City Manager in answer to the Society's request for better lighting in which he pointed out that the present high cost of public lighting prevents the Corporation from seeking to have a larger number of additional lamps lighted. In 1943/44 the cost of public lighting was £3,516 and since then the E.S.B. have increased their charges by 30 per cent., with the result that for the current year the cost of public lighting will amount to £4,757 15s. 10d. The number of public lamps have, however, been increased from 797 in 1943/44 to 847 in 1945/46. While this additional charge of 30 per cent. remains the number of public lamps in the city must be restricted.

A letter was also read from the Superintendent, 'Bus Department, re a request to change the break-point from Roscrea to Maryboro' on the Limerick-Dublin journey, pointing out that such would involve alteration of existing services. It was hoped that at a future date a buffet may be provided at Maryboro', but until such time as this has been done the present arrangements, though not all that may be desired, must continue.

SPEEDING ON ENNIS ROAD.

A member referred to the high speed indulged in by motorists on the Ennis Road on their approach to the city, and which constitutes a serious danger to users of this popular suburb, and it was suggested that the authorities should

NOW IN EXILE

City Red Cross And Polish Airmen

PROPOSED HOLIDAY SCHEME

Rev. T. Hurley, S.J., Chairman, presided at a meeting of the Limerick Branch of the Red Cross on Monday night.

Mr. F. G. O'Reilly, Hon. Secy, read a letter from the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, addressed to the Rev. Chairman, in which was stated that Father Sasinowski, Chaplain to some 250 young Polish airmen in camp in England, had made representations to his Lordship with a view to having a holiday provided for these youths, whose ages ranged from 17 years to 19 years in Ireland. His Lordship had intimated to Father Sasinowski that he would bring the proposal before the Limerick Branch of the Red Cross, which would deal with it appropriately.

Mr. O'Reilly added that the matter was already considered by the Central Executive in Dublin pending a report from the Limerick Branch.

The Rev. Chairman expressed the view that everything possible should be done to facilitate those youths having a holiday in Ireland. The Red Cross, of course, could not accept any financial liability, as the people concerned were not refugees. He understood, however, that the youths would be able to contribute £1 per week towards their upkeep and he was sure that the public would help and cooperate. The big difficulty centred around securing suitable accommodation.

Rev. H. Fee, C.C., strongly supported the proposal and said that it should be possible to secure accommodation for about thirty of the youths in the country. He would much prefer a country holiday for the boys rather than have them confined in the city.

Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Geary and Mr. M. J. Lynch also urged that every effort be made to secure accommodation for at least thirty of the youths in the county.

It was ultimately decided to inform the Central Executive that the Limerick Branch was in favour of the holiday scheme and that it would endeavour to accommodate from 25 to 30 youths for a summer holiday. It was also decided to inform the Bishop of this decision.

The meeting expressed the hope that other county branches would take an active interest in the proposed holiday scheme.