CITY BARRACKS TRAGEDY

Fatal Shot In Guardroom

SOLDIER DIES FROM WOUND

Evidence At The Inquest

An inquest touching the circumstances of the death of Private Martin Ryan, 28, Garvey's Range, off Broad Street, which occurred under tragic cirucmstances on Thursday evening last, at Sarsfield Barracks, was held with a jury by the Deputy City Coroner, Mr. J. S. McNeice, solicitor, at Barrington's Hospital, on Friday evening last.

Supt. P. Colleran, conducted the proceedings.

Dr. Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, gave evidence of performrming a post-mortem examination of the deceased. There was a lacerated wound on the back over the last lumber vertebrae and a punctured wound beside the umbilicious. There was a tear in the small intestine. Death, in his opinion, was due to shock and haemorrhage.

Answering Supt. Colleran, witness said that the injuries would be consistent with receiving a bullet wound, and from a bullet fired at a very close range. He found portion of the nickel covering of the bullet beside the body. The wound could have been self-inflicted with a rifle.

To Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solicitor, representing the parents of the deceased, witness said that it would be possible to self-inflict a wound in the position it was.

IN THE GUARDROOM AS PRISONER.

Corporal Anthony Frawley, "B" Coy., 12th Battalion, Sarsfield Barracks, said that he took up duty at 10.30 a.m. on the 11th inst., at Sarsfield Barracks, as Guard Commander. He saw Private Martin Ryan there in the guardroom as a prisoner. He was there for being drunk on the night previous. He (witness) thought he was quite normal and sober. Witness carried out his normal duties throughout the day until 3 o'clock, and saw deceased several times up to this period. At 3 o'clock witness changed the sentry. Witness said that there was a cell off the guardroom, and the deceased was lying in his bed off this guardroom. Before witness went to change the guard he turned the key in the lock of the cell door, but he was not sure whether this door was locked or not. In addition to the deceased there was a prisoner named Private Williams in the cell off the Guardroom. When leaving to change the guard witness brought Private Boland with him to put him on the beats. That left Private O'Brien in the guardroom. He changed the guard and was about to return when Pte. O'Brien was at the gate to let him in. Then he heard the shot and rushed into the guardroom. He found the deceased missing. Going to a washhouse off the guardroom, he saw the deceased lying on his back on the ground with the rifle lying beside him or partly under him. He was not dead. Deceased made no answer when witness asked him why he did it. Witness said an "Act of Contrition" into his ear. He appeared to be unconscious, and he did not speak a word. The rifle was taken off the rifle rack in the guardroom. It was the only one loaded. It was accessible to anyone in the guardroom. When witness looked into the cell after hearing the shot, Williams was lying on his bed in the cell. Witness noticed nothing peculiar about the deceased beyond enquiring throughout the day about the way in which he would be tried. He knew deceased well, and he seemed quite normal. Witness handed over the rifle to the Orderly Officer, Lieut Clancy. On looking at the deceased he could not say where he was shot.

At this stage Dr. Crowe was recalled, and was asked by the Deputy-Coroner if the deceased was dead on admission.

The reply was in the affirmative, Dr. Crowe adding that he would have died in a matter of minutes as a result of the nature of the wound.

THE LOCK ON THE CELL DOOR.

Corporal Frawley was then questioned by Mr. O'Donnell—What time was this boy put into the cell, first?—He was put in at 1 a.m..

The charge was being drunk?—By the guard report he was detained for being drunk.

Further answering Mr. O'Donnell, witness said that he had men previously in the guardroom for being drunk. On the day in question the weather was warm, and it was very warm in the cell. Deceased got his meals in the cell. The other prisoner (Williams) was in the guardroom for three weeks awaiting trial. The Orderly Officer called on several occasions on his round of inspection. Before the latter came along, witness had occasion to open the cell door on which he found the lock defective. He did not report on the defective condition of the lock to the Orderly Officer. Witness had no occasion previously to use the door. The other prisoner was definitely lying on his bed when he rushed in almost immediately after hearing the shot. Deceased was removed almost at once.

Pte Gerard Williams stated he was a prisoner in the cell with Ryan. At about 3 p.m. the deceased, who occupied the other bed in the cell, left the cell. Witness remained lying on the bed, and heard deceased banging the door after him as he went into the guard-room. When he heard the shot he ran to the door of the cell, but found it locked. Before the changing of the sentry he heard somebody outside the cell using the key in the lock.

Supt. Colleran—Before Ryan left the cell were you talking to him?—I was.

What were you talking about?—About the Regatta.

Mr. O'Donnell—How long were you in this cell?—Twenty-three days yesterday.

Did you notice anything about the lock on the cell door?—I did; it was bad.

APPEARED QUITE NORMAL.

Pte. Wm. O'Brien, A Coy., 12th Batt., stated he was a member of the guard between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Sarsfield Barracks on Thursday. During the day he saw the two prisoners, Ryan and Williams in the cell, and they both appeared to be quite normal. At 3 p.m. Corporal Frawley went out to change the guard, and Pte. Boland with him. Witness was left behind, and it was his duty to open the gate outside the guard-room and let them out. That left no one in the guard-room. Witness re-locked the gate to the guardroom. He was expecting Corporal Frawley back again, and when he saw him coming back he went out to open the gate for him. When he was closing the gate he heard the shot. It was witness's rifle was used by deceased. It was the only rifle in the room at the time, and there were five bullets in it when witness put it on the rack.

Lieut. L. Clancy, Sarsfield Barracks, said he was Orderly Officer on Thursday. At about 3 p.m. he was called to the guardroom. In the room he saw Pte. Ryan lying on his back. A rifle was handed to witness by the guard commander, Corporal Frawley. At the time witness thought Ryan was alive but unconscious. The priest was sent for and deceased was attended by the medical orderly. He was then placed in an ambulance and rushed to hospital. He knew the deceased, who was perfectly normal during the course of his duties, but when he had drink taken he was always a bit obstreperous.

Mr. O'Donnell—How long is it usual to keep a drunken man awaiting trial?—He cannot be tried before 48 hours.

When a soldier comes on duty is the rifle always loaded?—The magazine is always charged.

Continuing, the witness said that after the shooting Corporal Frawley reported to him that the lock was defective. He did not know of this defect up to that time, as it was not part of his duty to examine individual locks.

Mr. O'Donnell—If his door had been properly locked could deceased have got out of the cell?—He could not.

Matthew Ryan, father of the deceased, said his son was 23 years of age, and was two years in the Army. He was always in the best of health and never worried about anything.

CORONER'S REMARKS.

The Coroner said there was no controversy about the correctness of the rifle being where it was. That was in accordance with Army regulations. It was unfortunate that the door was not properly locked on the occasion or the boy would be alive. There was nothing to show why he shot himself, as he appeared to be perfectly normal in every way.

A verdict that deceased died from shock and haemorrhage, resulting from a gunshot wound, self-inflicted, was returned.

The jury expressed the opinion that had the lock on the cell not being defective the tragedy might possibly not have happened.

The Coroner, members of the jury, Supt. Colleran, and Captain Ryan, on behalf of the Army authorities, expressed sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

HYDRAULIC BRAKES

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"DANGER TO PUBLIC" SAYS D.J.

When giving evidence at Ennis Court against Michael Cronin, of 21 Upper Mallow Street, Limerick, who was charged with the dangerous driving of a lorry with defective brakes, Sergt. Grannell said both the hand-brake and foot-brake, which was hydraulic, were useless. It was not usual for the hydraulic brake to go out of order without warning, but it could happen as the defendant alleged in this case.

The defendant said the brakes had been adjusted and tested three or four days before the accident. They had been perfect up to the time of the accident, when he collided with another car. A washer in the master cylinder had got stuck.

District Justice Gleeson imposed a fine of £2 and said the general impression that the case left on his mind was that lorries with hydraulic brakes were a danger to the public and everyone driving them because such brakes could become defective at any moment without warning. It was a frightful thing to contemplate a lorry being driven along the road at 35 miles an hour and having no brakes to stop when suddenly confronted with an emergency. It was the mercy of God that little children playing on the road had not been killed on this occasion. He expressed the hope that garages who were asked to repair hydraulic brakes would not do so unless they were perfectly sure of knowing how to do it properly.

CHAIRMAN'S VOTE

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PROCEDURE QUESTIONED

Mr. T. Malone, Co.C., questioned at a meeting of Clare Co. Council the procedure whereby the Chairman of that body (Mr. Sean Brady) votes last in any division, as his name is not called until all the other members' names have been called.

Mr. Malone said that the Chairman's name should not be skipped in the call out and left until last. He should vote in his turn and there should not be any privileges attached to his vote. Then even though voting in turn he could give his casting vote if necessary.

"I always cast my vote according to my conscience," said the Chairman, "and I was never afraid to cast it either."

"But," pointed out Mr. Malone, "you are not in a privileged position."

"No," agreed the Chairman, "and I do not want privileges from anybody. I came in here elected by the people."

"So did all of us," said Mr. Malone.

FATAL SEIZURE

Mr. John Loughnane, O'Connell Avenue, Listowel, a railway signalman, collapsed in the street on Saturday morning and died almost immediately. He leaves a widow and family of ten, one of whom is Sister M. Benedict, Tullamore. The late Mr. Loughnane was an active member of the National Movement.

ALL INCLUDED

Systems Of Education Criticised

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CLARE CONTROVERSY

All systems of education were included in criticisms spoken at a meeting of Clare County Council, Mr. Sean Brady, Chairman, presiding.

Mr. P. Hogan, Co.C., referred to a controversy that has arisen between the Co. Council and the Clare Vocational Committee with reference to vocational schemes in Clare and particularly the lack of a technical school at Ennistymon or some other centre in North Clare. He said the Committee had misunderstood his remarks at the previous meeting. His remarks had not been directed to vocational education in Clare in particular but to the general trend which was to unsuit people for agricultural pursuits.

INCLUDED ALL SYSTEMS.

He included in that all systems of education in this country at the moment. People who taunted him with not replying should know that unless a person supported a particular party and policy he had no chance of becoming a member of that Committee and giving his views.

Mr. W. Murphy said that at the annual Congress fine speeches had been made about the value of vocational education, and young boys and girls were advised to avail of technical schools. How could the children of North Clare obtain any chance when they had no school?

Mr. T. Gardiner said when he applied in July, 1945, for information re expenditure and other matters, he had received a reply from Mr. Liam Mulcahy, Executive Officer, stating he had been directed by the Committee to inform him that he had no locus standi in regard to the administration of the vocational scheme in the county.

JOB FOR GORDON RICHARDS.

Mr. T. Harvey said reference had been made by Canon Vaughan, Chairman of the Committee, and Mr. Mulcahy to farmers' clubs organised with the help of vocational teachers and their value. There had been a Show held in this county not so long ago and to show how little was known of agriculture and livestock conditions, he could tell them two year old piebald ponies had to be ridden by children 14 years of age and under. It would be a tidy job for Gordon Richards to ride a two year old, not to speak of a child of 14 years. Somebody pointed out the error to the Show Committee and they changed it later on.

Mr. Barrett asked was the riding of two year old horses on the agenda, and the Chairman (Mr. Sean Brady) said it was not and that it was turning the proceedings into pure ridicule. He directed that the next business be proceeded with and the discussion ended.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

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QUESTION OF INCREASE

When Clare Co. Council discussed a proposition by Mr. T. Gardiner that all old age pensioners in receipt of 10/- per week be given an additional 2/6 per week in view of the depreciation in the value of money,

Mr. W. Murphy asked would any Councillor like to see his father and mother dependent on £1 5s. per week. The rates were wrong and shocking.

Mr. G. Griffin said they had Fianna Fail Councillors advocating increased old age pensions and when it had been oved in the Dail by the Labour Party, Fianna Fail voted solidly against it. If the rank and file found out why they had voted against it, it might do away with a lot of hypocrisy. There was much sham about the discussion.

Mr. P. Hogan agreed and said members should stop the shadow boxing and the spouting about giving increased pensions. The proper means of living ought to be allocated to every man and woman when he or she reached the age of 70, and they should say that to the Government and mean it.

Mr. H. O'Meara said the General Council of Irish Co. Councils had made representations to the Government in the matter and it was decided to await the result of these representations before taking any action.

NOISE IN COURT

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REBUKE BY DISTRICT JUSTICE

Shuffling of feet and other noises made by spectators standing at the back of Ennis Court caused District Justice Gleeson to rebuke them on Friday. He said the Court was not a chapel on Sunday. Spectators should come up in front and sit down where there was room for them. If not, and they were afraid of their faces being seen, then they should leave the Court. With all th scuffling nobody could clearly hear what was going on. Noise in Court would have to stop.

The spectators scuttled into seats.

COURT SYMPATHY

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WITH CLARE SOLICITOR

Before commencing the business of Ennis District Court, on Friday, Mr. Gleeson, D.J., said he wished to express to their colleague, Mr. Ignatius Houlihan, their sympathy on the lamented death of his father, which occurred during the week. He had had the pleasure of knowing the late Mr. Houlihan very well and knew what a great loss such a fine type of man would be to his widow and family.

Mr. E. Monahan, on behalf of the practitioners of the Court, associated himself with the expression of sympathy, as did Supt. J. S. Flynn.

RECORD MONTH FOR P.A.A. 'PLANES

June was a record month for P.A.A. 'planes operating through Shannon Airport, according to the monthly report issued by Mr. R. C. Dowley, P.A.A. Traffic Manager. A total of 671 P.A.A. passengers from New York disembarked at Shannon Airport, while the number leaving for the United States during the month by P.A.A. was 405. The total number of flights handled during the month was 115, an average of 4 per day.

TOOK CLOTHES

But Left Money Behind

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ACCUSED MAN BOUND OVER

An irresistible impulse led to the appearance in the Ennis District Court, on Friday, of a middle aged man named Thomas McGrath, no fixed abode, on a charge of stealing a coat and trousers, value £8. He appeared in Court wearing the stolen clothes and after pleading guilty told District Justice Gleeson that he did not known what came over him but he had to take the clothes.

SEEKING HIS WIFE

Accused added that he was going around the country seeking his wife, who had left him and gone away with another man. He denied a second charge of stealing £3 in notes which Mr. Thomas Quin, Newmarket-On-Fergus, owner of the clothes, stated had been in the pocket of the trousers before their disappearance, but admitted that he found £1 in the pocket.

Supt. J. S. Flynn said McGrath was a native of Waterford, and had been on his way from Galway to Limerick, where he had children and relatives. When passing by Quin's house he went to the door for a drink but there was nobody in. Through a window he saw the clothes and was tempted. He pulled the window from its frame, entered the house and stripped off his own clothes which were in tatters. He then donned Quin's coat and trousers and again sallied forth to do battle with the world. He could have taken money which had been in an unlocked drawer but had not done so. The entrance to the house had taken place in broad daylight about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

GIVEN A CHANCE

District Justice Gleeson said it was to his credit that he had not taken the money in the drawer. Even though he had been convicted and served sentences for assaulting his wife he would be given a chance on this occasion. He bound him over in £10 for two years, and ordered that the stolen clothes be returned to the owner.

Supt Flynn said he was wearing the clothes and had not other clothes.

District Justice Gleeson said the Co. Home authorities would look after him in that connection, but in any event the clothes he stole must be returned to the owner.

TILL WAS RIFLED

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SUSPENSORY SENTENCE IMPOSED

Before District Justice R. D. F. Johnson, sitting at Abbeyfeale, Patrick Hishon, labourer, was charged by Supt. McKenna with breaking and entering the house of Mr. Scanlan, dance hall proprietor, at Direen, Athea, on the 1st of July, and taking about £7.

Supt. McKenna said there was a dance in the hall on the night before, and next morning Mr. Scanlan found the small lock-up shop adjoining had been entered through a broken window, and about £7 taken from a till. The Guards interviewed defendant, who denied any knowledge of the matter, but afterwards admitted taking £3 3s. 4d., which he placed in an old motor car.

Mr. J. S. O'Reilly, solicitor for defendant, said the amount taken by the defendant was the amount found in the motor car and not £7. The money was given back. The accused was an employee of Mr. Scanlan, who would like that he be given a chance, and such a thing would not happen again. Mr. Scanlan was prepared to take him into his employment again.

To Mr. Johnson, D.J., accused said he was 27 years and was a labourer. He worked in the bog.

Mr. Johnson—I impose a suspensory sentence of 3 months, and if you commit yourself again you will have to do the sentence.

PARNELL MEMENTOES

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SILVER SPADE USED BY "THE CHIEF"

Mr. F. Gibney, Town Planner for Ennis, has informed tse Clare Co. Manager (Mr. D. O'Keeffe) that the silver spade used by Parnell to cut the first sod of the West Clare Railway, and the wheelbarrow which carried away that sod, are now in possession of Mrs. John Howard Parnell, Avondale, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow. He suggests that the spade and wheelbarrow might at some time be got for exhibition in Ennis. The wheelbarrow is made of Irish oak and mounted in Irish silver.

KILLALOE DIOCESE

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

Very Rev. P. O'Halloran, P.P., Kilmurray Ibrickane, has been appointed a member of the Killaloe Diocesan Chapter by Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe.

The new Canon has been P.P. of Kilmurry since 1932. He ministered as a Curate in Corofin and Inagh, and was about 17 years in Nenagh.

Very Rev. M. Canon Grace, P.P., Toomevara, has been appointed P.P. Kilkee, in succession to the late Very Rev. Canon Breen, P.P.

WORLD TRADE

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PROPOSED AMERICAN CONFERENCE

A message received to-day from Washington states that, now that the American loan to Britain has been passed, economists in the United States propose to summon a World Trade Conference for next October.

It is proposed to discuss at this conference matters concerning international trade, limited tariffs, and the elimination of quotas.

41,000 GUINEAS FOR PAINTING

Regarded as one of the finest landscape paintings by Constable, "Stratford Mill on Stour" was bought at Christies, London, on Friday, by Mr. W. Huthinson, publisher and racehorse owner, for 41,000 guineas. Painted in 1820, it was originally sold by Constable for 100 guineas.

LITTLE TRAFFIC

Shannon Airport Quiet

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AER LINGUS SERVICE SUSPENDED

Business was very slack at the Shannon Airport, Rineanna, today, in consequence of a new development arising out of the crash in the United States last week of a Consellation plane. As a result of this accident the United States Civil Aviation authorities ordered all Constellation aircraft to "ground" pending the holding of an enquiry.

This order has had the effect of reducing traffic to the Shannon Airport to a minimum.

To-day, however, traffic to the airport was further reduced following a suspension of Aer Lingus planes from the Dublin Airport (Collinstown).

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The suspension of the Aer Lingus service was due, he said, to the fact that there was not at present sufficient traffic to warrant its continuance because of the "grounding" of the American Constellation 'planes.

Mr. Toomey added that all the Aer Lingus services, save one, between Dublin and the Shannon Airport would be suspended until further notice. The night 'plane would be operated as usual.

LIMERICK PRIEST

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ORDAINED IN DUBLIN

Amongst the twenty-three clerical students ordained to the priesthood at Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, Dublin, yesterday, was Rev. T. C. O'Byrne, C.SSp., son of Mr. Andrew O'Byrne, 19 Wolfe Tone Street, Limerick.

The ordaining prelate was his Grace, Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin.

Following the ordination ceremony Father O'Byrne and his parents entertained at breakfast, served in the Central Hotel, Dublin, a big party of friends.

At 8.30 o'clock this morning Father O'Byrne celebrated his first Mass in the Redemptorist Church, Limerick, where, as a boy, he served as acolyte for some years. He was assisted at his Mass by Rev. C. Mangan, C.SS.R.

Rev. Father O'Byrne, who was the recipient of many hearty congratulations and felicitations, held a breakfast reception in the home of his parents. Some fifty guests attended.

CHILD IN FLAMES

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BLANKET THROWN OVER HER

Patricia Griffey, aged 7, of Turnpike Road, Ennis, was heating bread and milk at the kitchen range in her home at night to make what is commonly known as "goody," when her clothes caught fire and she rushed screaming into the street (writes our Ennis correspondent). She was overtaken and a blanket thrown over her to quench the flames.

Dr. H. Bugler, Dispensary Medical Officer, who happened to be in the vicinity at the time, quickly put the child into his motor car and rushed her to the County Hospital at Ennis, where she was found to be suffering from rather extensive burns and shock.

The child is progressing as well as can be expected.

NO APPLICANT

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CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL VACANCY

When the Clare Co. Council considered filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. F. Glynn, Ennis Division, Mr. M. Considine pointed out that he thought it would be illegal to fill the position, as a month had not elapsed since the resignation had been handed in.

Mr. D. Blackwell, Secretary, said in the case of a County Council a month did not apply, but it did in the case of an Urban Council.

Mr. M. Hennessy said nobody had applied, and Mr. Lillis said apparently there was no demand for the position.

The Council adjourned the matter to the next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO CLARE COMMITTEES

At a meeting of Clare County Council, Mr. T. Malone, Co.C., was unanimously appointed a member of the Clare Agricultural Committee in room of Mr. F. Glynn, resigned.

By 14 votes to 7 cast for Mr. P. Hogan, Co.C., Mr. P. Begley, Co.C., was declared elected to the Clare Vocational Educational Committee.

Mr. Hogan remarked that unless a person subscribed to a particular policy and party, he would have no chance of becoming a member of the Vocational Committee and saying anything within its chambers.

COMING ATOMIC TEST

It was stated yesterday by Vice-Admiral Blandy, Commanding the U.S. Atomic Task Force, that observers of the under water atomic explosion, arranged for July 25th, in Bikini Lagoon, will be nearer than the 10 miles limit set for the first test on July 1. Nearest the explosion will be the battleships while most of the submarines used will be submerged.

PROMINENT FIGURE

Mr. Sean Gleeson, who has died at his home at Mitchel Street, Thurles, was a member of North Tipperary County Council for 17 years and took a prominent part in the Sinn Fein and Gaelic League movemets.

IRELAND'S OLDEST BISHOP

Most Rev. Dr. Cohalan, who celebrated his 88th birthday yesterday, is Ireland's oldest bishop. He is in perfect health and yesterday celebrated early Mass.

BAD FEELING

Due To Some Land

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CASE AT ABBEYFEALE COURT

What one of the parties concerned described as bad feeling due to some land had a sequel before District Justice R. D. F. Johnson, sitting at Abbeyfeale Court.

Michael Walsh, Dromtrasna, sued Patrick and Maurice Broderick for £10 for assault, and there was a cross suit for the same amount, arising out of incidents occurring on the 23rd and 27th of May.

Mr. Reilly, solr. (Marshall and MacAulay), appeared for M. Walsh, and Mr. R. J. Cussen, LL.D., solr., for the others.

Plaintiff said he was going to the bog with his horse and cart on the 23rd May, when he overtook Patrick Broderick driving on the wrong side of the road, and passing out witness said: "Wonder you don't keep your own side of the road," and Broderick asked if he knew his right from his left hand and called him names, and said he would get him when he was coming from the bog. On the 27th afterwards while looking for his horse on the lands where Broderick was employed, Patrick faced him and asked him what he had against him. He struck witness and he called his brother, Maurice, and both of them beat him when on the ground.

To Mr. Cussen, solr. When you passed Broderick on the road on the 23rd was not Broderick more on his proper side of the road, giving you plenty room to pass? He was more than less on the right side. He asked him why he did not keep his own side of the road, but as he passed him he did not say he would swing for him.

There was some bad feeling between you previously? There was.

What caused it? It was about some land.

What took you up the passage into Mrs. Ward's lands, where the Brodericks were employed? I went looking for my horse, which had strayed in that direction.

Dr. Wm. O'Connor said that Walsh called on him and he found about his left eye swollen, and nearly closed, and his cheek bruised. He must have been struck more than once, and a stick might have caused the marks. The left cheek was very swollen, but he did not notice anything wrong about his teeth.

THE DEFENCE.

Con Walsh and Pat Walsh having given evidence,

Patt Broderick, replying to Mr. Cussen, explained that on the 23rd May, when going to Abbeyfeale Fair with pigs for Mrs. Ward, with whom he had been employed for six years, Michael Walsh came along. Witness was on his own left hand side, when plaintiff said: "Why don't you keep your own side of the road?" Witness said he was on his own side. Plaintiff then called him several times to come out of the car. He had a whip and lash and struck him with it on the side of the head. Afterwards at a dance he asked Walsh's son what his father had against him, and he said he did not know. The son was quite friendly, and he had no blame to him. On the 27th he was driving Mrs. Ward's cattle along a passage, and Michael Walsh came along, and he asked him what he had against him; he had a winkers in his hand, but he only said that he would swing for him. When he saw plaintiff was inclined to hit him, he called his brother, who came along and he defended himself. His brother did strike him about three times; they struck with their fists. There was a stick sticking out from the fence and Walsh's face might have met it. He did not strike Walsh.

Maurice Broderick having giving evidence,

Mr. Johnson, D.J., said he had no doubt Walsh was the aggressor on both occasions. He believed Broderick was on his right side of the road, on the 23rd, and afterwards he merely asked Walsh what he had against him. He dismissed Walsh's C.B. summons, and gave a decree against him for 10/- in the second summons.

OTHER CASES.

Mrs. Eliza O'Connor, represented by Mr. J. S. O'Reilly, solr., summoned Kate Roche (Mr. M. J. Woulfe, solr., defending) for assault and abusive language on 27th June at Caherlane. There were counter-charges of a similar kind.

In the case of Mrs. O'Connor against Miss Roche, defendant was fined 5/- and 20/- costs, and the counter-charges against Mrs. O'Connor were dismissed with 20/- costs and 7/6 expenses.

John O'Sullivan sued Joseph and Ita Riordan for trespass and damage to his oats crop.

Fined 7/6 and 20/- costs.

Mr. M. J. Woulfe, solr., appeared for complainant, and Mr. J. S. O'Reilly, solr., defended.

DECISIONS AFFIRMED

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CLARE HIGH COURT APPEALS

At the High Court on Circuit in Ennis, James O'Donohue, Knockanean, appealed against a Circuit Court decree directing specific performance of an oral agreement for the sale of his lands to Mrs. Delia Killeen, same address.

Mr. Justice Overend affirmed the decision of the Circuit Court.

The Judge also affirmed dismissal of a claim by Catherine O'Connell, Lisquillane, O'Callaghan's Mills, against her brother, James O'Connell, for money alleged to have been lent and paid on his behalf.

TERROR CAMPAIGN

It is reported that "execution squads" of a Japanese secret society in Brazil are continuing a reign of terror campaign against compatriots who do not believe that Japan won the war. They have already killed three and wounded six Japanese in three towns.

CHOSEN FOR HARBOUR BOARD

The National Executive of the Irish Live Stock Trade have appointed Mr. M. Sheahan, Limerick, and Mr. J. P. Frost, Meelick, as representatives on the newly-constituted Limerick Harbour Board.

NEW FLAG FOR CANADA

The Parliamentary Flag Committee at Ottawa has agreed that Canada's new national flag should be a red ensign with a maple-leaf in autumn golden colours, with a bordered background of white.

JESUIT BROTHER

Recent Death In U.S.A.

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NATIVE OF WEST LIMERICK

A distinguished and highly revered Brother of the Jesuit Order, Rev. Brother Thomas O'Shaughnessy, a native of Ballyanne, Askeaton, Co. Limerick, died recently in the United States. Announcing his demise our Glin correspondent writes:—

Rev. Brother Thomas O'Shaughnessy, of the Society of Jesus, at El Retero, Los Altos, U.S.A., who celebrated his golden jubilee there in March 24th, 1946, was the guest of honour at the 7th annual breakfast at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on April 7th. When it was announced that he was to be the guest of honour so great was the jubilation of the Society and Retreatants at college and the public that the 900 reservations allowed by the hotel were quickly disposed of previous to the great day itself. When the Superior, Rev. Bro. Rice, referred feelingly to the Brother's record, the hall rang with applause.

On Tuesday evening he returned to El Retero, and rested for the most part of Wednesday. On Thursday morning he served two Masses and received Holy Communion. Shortly after lunch he remarked that he was not feeling well. He retired to his room and did not come as usual to dinner at 6 p.m. Two of the workmen went to the door of his room, but seeing the shades drawn thought he might be sleeping. When dinner had been served to the Retreatants, Brother Periera went to his room to see if he needed anything, only to find him lying on the bed, Rosary and vow Crucifix in hand, irresponsive to any call. It was thought he had been dead for some hours.

Rev. Bro. Tom, as he was affectionately known, entered the Society of Jesus on March 24th, 1896, and celebrated his golden jubilee on March 24th, 1946, and died April 11th, 1946. He was son of the late Mr. Thomas O'Shaughnessy, of Ballyann, Askeaton, and of Mrs. Margaret O'Shaughnessy, of Jointer Loughill; brother of the late Mrs. Maurice O'Shaughnessy, P.R. collector, Glin; uncle of Mrs. David O'Leahy, Glin, and first cousin of the late Mr. Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Jointer, Loughill, and of the late Mr. P. J. O'Shaughnessy, Rathkeale, and of Mr. Patrick O'Shaughnessy, M.C.C., Ivy House, Glin.

FARMER'S AXLE

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SUBJECT OF COURT CHARGE

At Ennis District Court on Friday, Thomas Fitzgerald, Drumquin, Termacbane, was charged with having in his possession a donkey car axle suspected of having been stolen.

Jas. O'Connor, a farmer, identified the axle as being his property and Sergt Hurley said he found the axle attached to a car the property of defendant, who, when questioned became "a bit palish and took a couple of deep breaths."

Mr. T. A. Lynch, solicitor for the defendant, cross-examined as to the Sergeant taking away the axle and District Justice Gleeson said if there was any complaint about the way the Sergeant carried out his duty, and he could not see it, there was a proper way of investigating it. At present it was not relevant.

Mr. Lynch—All right. We shall have it investigated elsewhere when we cannot do it here.

After hearing the evidence, the Justice said the axle was the property of O'Connor beyond yea or nay. It was a type of larceny that was going on wholesale, particularly of articles that were hard to get. He convicted Fitzgerald of a misdemeanour, and fined him £5 and directed that the axle be restored to O'Connor. He fixed the recognisances, when requested by Mr. Lynch, in the event of an appeal.

DEPORTED MAN

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CHARGED WITH STEALING

"This defendant is of the type who comes to Ennis now and again and makes nothing of such things as taking other people's property. He is just one of the crimps moving about the locality," said Supt. J. S. Flynn when prosecuting Thomas Carty, Darragh, Co. Clare, at Ennis District Court, on Friday, for stealing a trowel and ladder, value £1, the property of Patrick Laurence, Tulla.

Sergt. J. Long told District Justice Gleeson that accused had been deported from England because he had infringed on various regulations. According to his own story he had been deported because the authorities had been unable to follow up his movements with a circus. Laurence had given accused permission to borrow the articles, to be returned when requested, but they had never been returned.

Accused said he had sold the articles to get money for the purpose of enabling him to get to Rineanna Airport to look for a job. He intended to repay the money he realised by the sale when he got the job.

"Yes," said the Justice, "you had as much intention of paying it back as you had of flying to America when you went to Rineanna. You had better tell the truth as you have made a very bad start."

Supt. Flynn said the Guards were investigating the matter of a bicycle with which accused had been seen. It was known that he had not owned a bicycle in his life.

A sentence of two months' imprisonment was imposed, not to be enforced if accused kept the peace for two years and paid £2 2s. costs.

The Justice warned accused to earn it honestly if he wanted money in future.

DROMCOLLOGHER I.N.T.O.

The quarterly meeting of the Dromcollogher Branch of the I.N.T.O. was presided over by Mr. T. O'Shea, P.C., Milford.

The Secretary reported that the members of the Branch had responded 100 per cent in the payment of the strike levy and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed to pursue the matter until a satisfactory settlement was reached.

The Branch voted unqualified support to the C.E.C. and the Dublin teachers in their fight for justice and arrangements were made for the collection of the strike levy over the holiday period.

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SOME NOMINATION

As has already b the Live Stock Expo tion have nominated Sheahan and Mr. J. represent that body new Harbour Board. Trades Council has Michael J. Keyes, T Ed. Browne, Secretar Branch, I.T. and G.W ister for Industry an who has the right four members, has closed their names informed quarters it a prominent member poration an Alderm ex-Chairman of the cil will figure in th list. The old Harbo should be mentioned to function to the ne ber.

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