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**BIG FIGURE**

**Death Of Mr. Paul Bernard**

**HIS WORK FOR CHARITIES**

With very sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Mr. Paul Bernard, I.S.M., a highly esteemed and respected citizen, which took place yesterday evening in a city nursing home.

The late Mr. Bernard, who was in the early seventies, was for many years one of Limerick's best known citizens. Though of a very retiring disposition, he came prominently before the public eye because of his activities in the cause of charitable endeavour. His great talents as a musician were always gratuitously at the disposal of those who required them for the purpose of raising funds for any worthy social movement. Indeed, he did not limit his services to the rendering of violin and other musical contributions to relieve destitution, for it was an open secret that he contributed generously as well from his own private means.

Mr. Bernard began his career as a teacher of music and in a comparatively short time his abilities in this field of cultural development attracted the notice of the Irish Society of Musicians, who honoured their body by electing him a member. He was a violinist of an exceptionally high order and in this connection experts have declared that his treatment of the "Londonderry Air," which is regarded as a classic, could not be surpassed by any of his more famous world contemporaries. As a founder-member of the old Limerick Operatic Society he devoted his time, his energies and wonderful talents to the building up of the orchestration, a work for which he was so well fitted. But he was also heard in the city churches on special occasions, when he rendered violin obligati accompaniments to renowned visiting vocalists, including Joseph O'Mara and John Count McCormack.

Paul Bernard, up to the time he was laid prostrate by his fatal illness, never ceased to help many activities, but what he did was done unostentatiously, for, as already stated, he shunned notoriety. By nature he was a shy man, so much so, that it was his custom to take his departure as speedily and as quietly as possible at the conclusion of the numerous musical recitals given by him from time to time. He loved to be associated with any movement calculated to give a cultural uplift to the community. For that reason he was a liberal patron of the arts, and it will be found that when the new Art Gallery for the city is formally opened it will contain some splendid paintings presented by him.

A man so kind and gentle and unassuming could not fail to command the love and esteem of his fellow citizens. His greatness was reflected in his simplicity, unassuming disposition, in his love of God and the things of His creation. By his death Limerick is bereft of a very worthy citizen and the sympathy of all, rich and poor, will go out to his widow, brothers, sister and other relatives in their great loss.

The remains will be removed from St. Patrick's Nursing Home, O'Callaghan Strand, at 7 o'clock this evening to St. Michael's Church. Requiem High Mass will be celebrated to-morrow morning at 10.30 o'clock and the funeral will take place immediately afterwards to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

**FAILED TO OPEN SAFE**

**EXCESS CHARGES**

**For Chocolate And Orange**

**RACECOURSE VENDOR FINED**

Before District Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., at Askeaton Court on Monday,

John Cronin, The Quay, Askeaton, was prosecuted at the suit of the Department of Supplies for selling chocolate and an orange at prices in excess of the controlled prices under the Emergency Powers Orders.

Mr. M. E. Cussen, solr. (for Mr. J. J. Power, State Solicitor), prosecuted, and Mr. P. Liston, solr. (Messrs. Liston & Co., solicitors), defended.

Mr. Cussen said the circumstances were that on 14th March last defendant attended Knockea races with a tent. On that occasion he sold an orange to a Department Inspector at the rate of 8.40d. per lb., the controlled price being 7d. per lb. He also sold the Inspector a bar of chocolate for 4d., the controlled price being 2d. The articles were sold to the Inspector by defendant's sister, Celene Cronin, who, when questioned, said she was told by her brother to charge these prices. John Cronin, when questioned, said he was after bringing the goods all the way from Askeaton and thought he was entitled to charge extra for them.

Mr. Liston said the facts were as stated. Defendant had travelled 25 miles to Knockea and in the circumstances he felt he was entitled to make the extra charge.

Defendant said he bought the goods at various shops round the country and would have had no profit on the sales if he sold at the controlled prices.

Justice—Perhaps you did a roaring trade.

Defendant—No, sir, I didn't do very much.

The Justice fined defendant 5/- on each of two summonses and applied the Probation Act in the case against his sister.

**RECENT FLOODS**

**EFFECTS ON RIVER FEALE FISHING**

The big-powered floods that tore down the Feale and its tributaries on the 12th instant (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) have altered considerably many of the well-known salmon pools along their course. Hundreds of tons of stones, gravel and sand have been indiscriminately shifted, deepening some pools and extending fords in various places. Much damage to the rivers' banks has been caused. Over the week-end a few salmon of from 9 to 14 lbs. have been landed with rod and fly, and in some cases trout and salmon were left stranded away from the beds of the river when the big flood had retreated to the normal course of the Feale.

**HUMAN CHAIN SAVES TWO LIVES**

When Laurence Bates, a non-swimmer, got into difficulties while bathing at Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford, Mr. J. Shannon, New Ross, who with others heard the cry for help, jumped in fully clothed without a second's hesitation. Mr. Shannon, who is himself a non-swimmer, succeeded in reaching Bates, who was unconscious and was sinking. He managed to hold on to him until a chain was formed by onlookers and both men were brought to safety.

**MAN WHO STRIPPED IN**

**WHY SHOT DOWN**

**Fate Of United States 'Plane**

**YUGO-SLAV REPLY TO PROTEST**

To-day, the Yugo-Slav Government replied to the protest made by the United States Government regarding the shooting down of a U.S. 'plane over Yugo-Slav territory.

In the note of protest sent to Belgrave from Washington it was stated that a Yugo-Slav fighter, without previous warning, shot down a United States 'plane.

The Yugo-Slav Note stated that the United States 'plane flew over Beld (a fashionable resort in Slovenia), where Marshal Tito is at present staying. In flying over this territory the 'plane was contravening Yugo-Slav regulations. Several requests were made by signal to the 'plane to come down, and when these were ignored fighter aircraft were sent up to force the United States 'plane to earth.

The Note proceeded to say that the United States 'plane when descending burst into flames and two of the crew baled out. Unfortunately, however, there were victims of this regrettable accident.

The United States authorities in Trieste announced to-day that the flight of American passenger 'planes over Yugo-Slavia would be suspended until means were found to ensure their safety.

**"LIFTS" ON BICYCLES**

**DEFENDANTS FINED AT ASKEATON**

An interesting case of 'how to carry,' declared Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J., at Askeaton District Court on Monday, when, among a group of similar offenders, an Askeaton farmer's daughter was charged with contravening the Road Traffic Acts by carrying a passenger on the cross-bar of a man's bicycle.

Sergeant Flaherty, who gave evidence of having found numerous men carrying persons on handlebars and on cross-bars of bicycles, said that the lady defendant was cycling on a man's unlighted bicycle after lighting-up time. She was carrying a child on the cross-bar.

The Justice, imposing fines of 3/6 on each of the defendants, warned that he would fine similar defendants £1 each in future. "This is a dangerous way to ride; an interesting case on how to carry. I am told the woodcock carries its young in its beak, but have never heard of a woman carrying a friend on the handlebars of a gent's bicycle," he said.

**CITY INQUEST**

The Deputy Coroner for Limerick City, Mr. J. S. MacNeice, this afternoon held an inquest into the death of five-years-old Denis Barry, son of Mr. P. Barry, Park View House, Pery Street, Limerick, who was drowned in the Shannon in the vicinity of Barrington's Pier on Monday afternoon.

A verdict was returned in accordance with the evidence of Dr. F. Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, that the boy died from asphyxia, following accidental drowning.

An extended report of the inquest will appear in our week-end issue.

**OVER SEVENTY YEARS A NUN**

**DEAD ACROSS FIRE**

**What Wife Found On Returning**

**EVIDENCE AT INQUEST**

On Wednesday evening of last week (writes our Killaloe correspondent) Christopher Hogan, Cullinagh, Ballina, was found by his wife dead lying across the fire partly by his face. An inquest was held on Thursday, Dr. A. W. Courtney, Coroner, North Tipperary, presiding.

Sergeant McGinnis, Killaloe, represented the Gardai. In reply to Sergeant McGinnis Mrs. Hannah Hogan, wife of deceased, said her husband, whose remains she had identified, was 48 years. "I am residing in a Board of Health cottage at Cullinagh, Ballina.

**HOME ALL DAY.**

"On the 15th August my husband did not leave the house—he was home all day. I left the house at 6 p.m. that evening to get milk at Killaloe. My husband was then in good health. I remained with my sister there until 8 o'clock and arrived home at 8.30 p.m., when I found my husband lying across the fire partly on his face. I drew him out of the fire and laid him on his back on the floor. I then ran for assistance. I could not say if he was dead when I took him out of the fire. The fire was practically out, as the kettle was upset and water spilt around it. On leaving the house in the evening there were only a few embers smouldering on an open hearth. For the last nine or ten years my husband suffered from epileptic fits and got seizures lately at the rate of four or five times a month. He also complained latterly of a pain in the region of the heart. I could not get him to see a doctor."

**DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE**

Dr. J. McKeogh, temporary medical officer, Portroe Dispensary, said that he received a call about 9.30 to attend Christopher Hogan. "On arrival I found the deceased fully dressed lying on the floor in front of the fire place. On examining him I found extensive burns on the left forearm below the shoulder to the elbow. On the right forearm there were numerous lacerations and a wound of 1 inch long and 1 inch wide on the forehead. In my opinion he was dead at least 2 hours."

**THE VERDICT.**

A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was returned—"That death was accidental due to secondary shocks received by falling into the fire following an epileptic fit."

**CO. LIMERICK NUNS**

**PROFESSED IN ENGLAND**

Three Co. Limerick nuns, all from Ballyagran parish, recently made their solemn religious professions in England (writes our Ballyagran correspondent).

One was Sr. Marie Helene (Bresnihan), daughter of Mr. Bresnihan, P.C., and Mrs. Bresnihan, Ballyauliffe. She was professed at the Convent, F.C.J., Broadstairs, Kent. The two others are Sr. M. Bernardine (Reidy), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reidy, Coolagown, and Sr. M. Aidan (Daly), daughter of Mr. John Daly, P.C., and Mrs. Daly, Liosgrein, Castletown. The two latter nuns made their professions at St. Mary's Convent of Our Lady of Christian Schools, Mountbatten Hall, Worcester.

All three received their early education at Castletown Girls' N.S., Sisters Helene and Aidan having subsequently been educated at the Convent, F.C.J., Bunclody, Co.