

NEARING THE END

Harvesting In County Limerick

GOOD PROGRESS DURING WEEK-END

The Offices of the County Limerick Committee of Agriculture, O'Connell Street, were a hive of activity yesterday morning, as hundreds of volunteers reported for harvesting. Young and old participated in the keen struggle to gain places in the various modes of conveyance which took the happy harvesters to vital areas in East Limerick. Approximately 600 of them answered the call and they were accommodated in six C.I.E. buses, eight lorries (four Army), four vans, and many private cars. Some of these vehicles made double runs, thus ensuring that the full complement of volunteers was catered for.

The majority of those willing workers were assigned to Garryspillane, Ballylanders, Kilmallock, Croom, Bruff, Pallas, Kilteely, Herbertstown, Caherconlish, and Ballyneety.

Fortunately, the weather held fine in most districts, though the intervening showers in Garryspillane and Ballylanders forced the harvesters to abandon the work for the afternoon. However, great progress was reported in the other districts. Threshing operations are now in full swing throughout the county, which indicates that the work in the fields will finish at the end of this week.

An idea of how the save the harvest enthusiasm gripped the volunteers yesterday is gauged from the fact that some of those who finished operations in Bruff proceeded to Croom to complete the threshing there. They arrived back in the city at 10 p.m. well pleased with the service they had rendered in the interest of the nation.

Mr. Martin Gleason, C.A.O., stated this morning that 300 workers left for the corn fields for the day. They were brought to places in East Limerick. So much progress was made over the week-end, that the local recruiting bureau will close at the end of the present week.

The C.A.O. adds a word of advice to the farmers to be particularly careful in stooking their corn—to keep it in a safe place until the machines arrives for threshing.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

A GREAT ORDER

Loses A Brilliant Member

DEATH OF FR. GUBBINS, S.J.

The great Jesuit Order has lost a brilliant member in the person of Very Rev. James Gubbins, of St. Francis Xavier's, Gardiner Street, Dublin, who passed away yesterday in a Dublin nursing home. Born at Kilfinane, Co. Limerick, 57 years ago, he was a member of a highly respected family, being son of the late William Gubbins, for many years the esteemed Chairman of Limerick County Council.

Father Gubbins was educated at Mungret College and entered the Society of Jesus at St. Stanislaus' College, Tullamore, in 1906. Later he studied philosophy at Louvain and Stoneyhurst College, Lancashire. He then taught for five years at Clongowes and Mungret College before pursuing his theological studies at Milltown Park, Dublin, where he was ordained in 1921 by the late Most Rev. Dr. Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin.

After a further year's training at Tullamore, 1922-1923, Father Gubbins went to the Sacred Heart College, The Crescent, Limerick, where, as teacher, sportsmaster and, later, Rector, he was to pass 20 years of his priestly life. During his time in Limerick he was held in the highest regard by all classes. He was a well-known and popular figure in the city, while his remarkable talents as administrator during his Rectorship (1934-42) were of inestimable value to the College.

Appointed Rector of Belvedere College, Dublin, in 1942, Father Gubbins quickly established himself in the hearts of boys and parents alike. His keen and active interest in the various forms of social and athletic activity sponsored by the College for its past students won for him a ready and full loyalty. In the summer of 1945 a serious breakdown in health forced him to relinquish his Rectorship, and for the past year he had been attached to St. Francis Xavier's, Gardiner Street, Dublin. By none will his premature death be more keenly felt than by the Dublin newsboys, members of the Belvedere Club in Pearse Street, who found in him a devoted patron and generous friend.

Father Gubbins was Chairman of the Catholic Headmasters' Association since 1943.

He is survived by two brothers and two sisters, one of the latter being Sister Mary de Pazzi, of the Irish Sisters of Charity, Seville Place, Dublin.

MOTHER AND SONS

Alleged Larceny Of Turf

CASES AT NEWPORT COURT

A mother and two sons were defendants to a charge of stealing turf at the Newport District Court before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J.

Two boys from Ballysimon district were charged by Supt. O'Mahony with the larceny of peat from a local bog. Their mother was also prosecuted in respect of the boys' alleged offence.

Mr. Tynan defended.

The Supt. said that an essential witness whom he had summoned had not turned up, and his absence the case could not be proved. He (Supt.) would have to apply for an adjournment to the November Court.

Mr. Tynan: The position is this: the defendants are here and they have travelled a long journey from Ballysimon. This is a criminal offence and the State should be in a position to go on with it.

The Justice: Mr. Tynan, I have always facilitated solicitors when they apply for an adjournment and I will do the same as far as the Supt. of the Guards is concerned. How did those people from Ballysimon come to be concerned with an alleged offence in Newport district?

Mr. Tynan: They had a turf bank adjoining the bank from which it is alleged the peat was taken.

The Justice: So that they will be coming to this area from time to time on ordinary business?

Mr. Tynan: Not now, sir. They have finished in this district. In adjourning the case I would ask you to note their attendance her to-day as there may be a question of expenses at the hearing of their charge.

The Justice: Very well. I will adjourn the case to November Court.

The Supt. remarked that he could have had the State witness arrested.

SUSPENSORY SENTENCE.

Supt. O'Mahony charged Henry Keane, Clooncommons, Castleconnell, with the larceny of turf value 2/6, the property of Peter Ryan.

Mr. Tynan defended.

Guard McHugh stated that he had Gouig bog under observation at 6.10 p.m. on the 12th August, and he saw the defendant enter the bog by a different road with a canvas sack under his arm. Witness went down a bye-road. When the defendant had gone about 30 yards he stood and looked around him. Then he went over to a turf bank, where he remained for about 20 minutes. After that he came out to the road with a bag of turf. Defendant was