

BY ACCUSED

BANKERS' DANCE

MONSTER TRAMS

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INCREASED PAY

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TOWN

In County Limerick Murder Charge

HOW GARDA MET HIS DEATH

Taking Of Depositions To-Day

At a special sitting of Limerick District Court, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., this morning, the taking of depositions began in a charge against Daniel Joseph Duff, a member of the Garda Limerick, of the willful murder of Garda James Byrne at Mount Catherine, Pallasgreen, on September 26th last.

Before the taking of depositions the Justice allowed the accused to sit beside Mr. Martin Tynan, solicitor, who is defending. He also allowed Mr. J. J. Power, State Solicitor, on behalf of the Attorney-General, to amend the original charge to read: "Willfully, feloniously and with malice aforethought, kill and slay... The original charge did not bear the word 'willfully'."

MAPS PRODUCED. Garda William J. Quillan, of Technical Department of Garda Headquarters, Dublin, deposed that on September 26th last, with Detective Garda Horgan, he visited the farm of Richard J. Kennedy at Mount Catherine, Pallasgreen, for the purpose of preparing and making a map of the scene and neighbourhood of the killing of Garda James Byrne on the previous day.

One map showed, on a large scale, Mr. Kennedy's garden and orchard. This map showed a hayrack in the orchard, a pear tree eighteen and a half feet from a mark on the ground pointed out to him by Detective Sgt. Murphy. The man indicated also a gate in a wall, fourteen feet high, entering Mr. Kennedy's farm. Between the orchard and the public road is a fruit garden. The distance from Mr. Kennedy's home to the Garda Barracks at Pallas was approximately three-quarters of a mile, travelling by the main road and bye-road.

The mark on the ground pointed out to witness by Sergeant Murphy was 132 feet from the public road. A larger map submitted by Garda Quillan also showed Mr. Kennedy's orchard and locality. This map showed that the house, was 933 yards from Kennedy's orchard. The house of Mr. Coffey, on the main Tipperary road, was about 200 yards from the Garda Station and 1,114 yards from Kennedy's gate. From a point on the Nicker road, about a half a mile between Pallas Cross and the house of a man named McCarthy, to Mr. Kennedy's orchard was 550 yards, as the crow flies.

Detective Garda M. H. Horgan of Garda Headquarters, swore that on September 26th last, while visiting Pallasgreen, he took two photographs which he now produced in an album. One of these was a view of the orchard, from Mount Catherine, Pallasgreen, looking east towards Mr. Kennedy's house. The other photograph showed a view of the orchard from another position. The pear tree standing near a white paper map there by Detective Sergeant Murphy.

RELATIONS APPEARED TO BE ALL RIGHT. Supt. John Dunning, who said he was in charge of the Pallasgreen district since 1941, deposed that the lands of Mr. Richard J. Kennedy were within his district. Since 1943 he was in charge of the lands under special Garda protection. He said that there was a dispute of a land dispute. The deceased Garda James Byrne had been allocated to that duty in Nov., 1944, and on the 11th December, 1945, he was joined by the accused. Witness frequently inspected the two Gardai at their posts at Mount Catherine, and the relations between the two men appeared to be all right.

The men's period of duty would be about seven hours daily, in the summer time from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., and in the winter one Garda would be on duty at 10 p.m. and the other at 11 o'clock. Witness last saw them at their posts together at 1.45 p.m. on September 23rd last. On September 24th at about 2 o'clock p.m. he inspected the official revolvers and ammunition allocated to accused and Garda Byrne. Earlier that day he had instructed the two men that he would make such an inspection. Both revolvers were .455 short Webley's, and the men had each 24 rounds of ammunition. These guns were in deceased's and accused's personal custody since they took on the special duty. Each gun had a six-chambered magazine. He entered the day-room five minutes later and saw accused sitting on a form.

"I COULDN'T HELP IT." The Superintendent continued: "He stood to attention and said: 'Sorry, sir, I couldn't help it.' Just prior to that I had been spoken to by Kennedy and his wife. When accused said 'Sorry, sir,' I replied: 'Don't say any more now.' Garda James Carr was the only person present. I asked accused for his gun and Garda Carr said: 'I have it,' and handed it to me. It was a short Webley, No. 452541. I opened it. There were two empty cartridge cases. One was under the hammer; the other to the right of the hammer. The next chamber to the right was empty, and then there were three live cartridges in a row (produced). The Superintendent continued that he immediately proceeded to Mr. Kennedy's place, accompanied by Father Kinane and Garda Mulrooney. Mr. Kennedy led him to where the body of Garda Byrne was lying. It was then 12.45 a.m. 'I found the body of the deceased lying on its back about five yards from the pear tree,' continued Supt. Dunning. 'The feet were towards the pear-tree and the head towards the south-east. He was fully dressed in his uniform except for the cap which lay on the ground a couple of inches from the body. The right side of the cap was not opened. The left side extended to its limit across the chest. The right side was under the right elbow and right leg. The left arm was extended to its full limit and lying about forty-five degrees to the body. The left leg was in a straight line with the body; the left shoulder was slightly raised. The right-hand, palm downwards, rested on the back of the trousers. The right knee was slightly bent outwards; the heel of the right shoe, touched the left leg a bit above the ankle. (There was a torch (produced) which I identified as the property of the deceased, on the ground behind it. A walking stick, which I identified as the property of the deceased, was on the ground behind the left hand. 'In the right-hand pocket of his trousers I found his official revolver with the muzzle upwards, the empty chamber was the one immediately left of the hammer. 'DOLE IN THE GROUND. Supt. Dunning continued that when the body was removed from the position in which it lay, Detective-Sergeant Murphy, who had arrived from Limerick, drew his attention to a hole in the ground where deceased's back had been. 'I saw a witness could see, this hole was in the ground. I saw Detective-Sergeant Murphy remove a spent bullet from this hole. 'I observed two holes on the left side of deceased's great coat and two corresponding holes on the left side of the tunic. Before the body was moved the ground was marked with a pencil in the position. The marks were north and south, with a breeze from the south-east. 'At 11 a.m. on September 26th, in the presence of Inspector William Byrne and Detective Sgt. Murphy, I arrested the accused. I did at Mount Catherine and he was taken to the Garda Barracks at Pallas on 25.9.46, feloniously and with malice aforethought, kill and slay one James Byrne. I said: 'You need not say anything unless you wish to do so, but whatever you say will be taken down in writing and may be given in evidence. The accused then signed a statement to me which I wrote down. 'THE STATEMENT. The statement was read over by Inspector Byrne and then signed by accused. It was as follows: 'I admit shooting him all right, but there was no malice aforethought. I came in to go on duty at eleven o'clock from Sergeant Kelleher's house. After leaving the dayroom at eleven o'clock I went upstairs to get my overcoat and gun. I met Jim Byrne on the stairs and he said: 'Are you going out now?' I said: 'Yes.' He said: 'Hold on, my gun and my overcoat are coming down the stairs together and I took my stick from the kitchen. We walked up the main road together. We were talking about something quite commonplace. Just about that time, on this side of the bend we met Mr. Coffey, and we stood talking to him for about five or ten minutes. Jerry Coffey was talking about getting the house thatched outside. We continued on then up to Mount Catherine main gate. 'We were talking about Farranore. Byrne said: 'If you were under a sergeant like that you would know what doing night duty really meant. I said I would not mind doing night duty any place; that it was alright when you became used to it. He said to me: 'You seem to be a long time getting used to it here. Then I said: 'I think the same thing could apply to you. But, of course you needn't care; you have the Superintendent on your side. 'A LOT OF THINGS SAID. 'I don't know exactly what they went after that. There was a lot of things said. He charged me with threatening to tell the Chief about his keeping dogs. I haven't got the rest of the conversation in sequence but I mentioned that he could come and go on the night duty whenever he liked. But if I stepped out of turn even once I never heard the end of it from him and I also said that I thought he was telling the Supt. about these occasions when I had stepped out of turn. 'The argument got very hot then and we began to abuse each other. We had reached the yard at the side of O'Kennedy's house at this time, and he wanted to go into the loft to sleep, and he took me off. I said: 'I told him I was thirsty and that I was going out to the pear tree to get a pear. He followed me to the big gate and said: 'That is like you; it is a contrary.' We reached the end of the big shed and I said that I could tell how going to get a pear would be contrary. We were still abusing each other. He followed behind, abusing me. We reached the pear tree, and while I was looking for a pear he stood under the tree railing at me continuously. He said: 'You young pup, you must have been only drunk on duty. What you want is a slap in the mouth that you should have got long ago. He came close to me when he was saying this and was roaring into my very face. I laughed at him and told him if there was any slapping I would give him a good one. He said he would hit me. 'Hit me,' he said in derision. 'I told you before what would happen to you if you ever attempted to strike me. I would blow your head into the wall. When he was saying this he made a quick movement for the right hand overcoat pocket where I knew he carried his gun, as the Guard had previously drawn his gun when we had had a row and waived it under my nose. 'FIRED TWICE. 'Immediately felt that considering the terrible rage he was in he was going to shoot me. I immediately drew my gun, as I had my thumb stuck in the right hand pocket of my overcoat, where my gun was. I got the gun out first and fired. I fired twice in rapid succession. With the first shot he staggered back and I took a quick step forward while firing the second shot. I think, but I was not sure. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4).

Occasional Licence Application

ATTITUDE OF GARDA AUTHORITIES

At Newcastle West District Court before Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J., Mr. R. J. Cussen, solr., on behalf of the Newcastle West Branch of the Irish Bank Officials Association, applied for an occasional intoxicating liquor licence on the occasion of the bankers' dance on 21st December next, from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Supt. McKenna, G.S., remarked that an application of this nature was unusual in the district, and if it were granted he would not like it to be taken as a precedent. Justice: "The danger is that if this application goes through there may be an avalanche of similar applications after it. Mr. Cussen: "If it goes through it will be very much on a trial and if there is the slightest upset I take it the Superintendent will vigorously oppose any further applications of the same kind. There is a feeling that some facilities should be granted. If there is a licence of this nature, having regard to the existing licensing laws. Large numbers of people come from several outlying districts and it makes the duties of the Garda difficult into the small hours of the morning. If there is a licence attached to the dance it will be properly and well conducted, as the people who are running the dance will be responsible for it. Justice: "I don't know that there is anything in favour of the application, and if the Garda object I won't grant it. Supt. McKenna: Applications of this kind are granted in other places, but this is the first time such an application has come up here. Justice: It is a lawful and legal right under the Constitution. Justice: I will grant the application unless the Garda object. Supt. McKenna said he would not oppose the application if the hours of the occasional liquor licence were reduced to from 10 to 2 a.m., and if an undertaking was given that it would be properly conducted. Mr. Cussen: It must be. This is a very onerous business the promoters of the dance are taking on, but you can take it the bar will be well conducted. Supt. McKenna: I would like to make it clear that this is not to be taken as a precedent in regard to similar applications in the future. Justice: I will grant the licence in this case from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., but I won't grant any further licences of this kind if the Garda object.

Space For 104 Passengers

SWEDISH CAPITAL TRAFFIC PROBLEM

The Swedish Capital (Stockholm) is growing very quickly, the number of inhabitants having risen from 450,000 in 1934 to nearly 700,000 at the end of 1945. This expansion (says "Swedish News," published by the Swedish Legation in Dublin) has given rise to considerable difficulties in the street traffic, especially since the war, when the rationing of petrol was abolished. The city authorities have, therefore, had to take far-reaching measures to cope with the problems. A 7-mile underground line is at present being built connecting the northern and southern parts of the city. Moreover, a temporary bridge is being stretched over the "Stream," intended for all kinds of traffic. The building of this bridge has led to much criticism, as it threatens to spoil considerably one of the most beautiful views in Stockholm. The tramsway in Stockholm, which are owned by the Municipality, are also being extended and modernized. Quite recently a new and interesting type of single-deck-tram with accommodation for no less than 104 passengers was introduced. The tram has a length of 142m and a maximum speed of 40 kilometres p.h., which makes it particularly suited for dense inner-town traffic. The interior is very comfortable and tastefully designed. The passenger accommodation consists of two rows of chairs on the one side and one row on the other, with ample room for 70 standing passengers in the middle and on the rear platform. The driver is seated in a separate cabin, and these trams are thus intended to go round in a loop at the terminal. There are six pneumatically operated doors, which allow of a quick step on and step off. The stations are announced by the driver by means of loud speakers, and the passenger himself can see the stop signal, which automatically lights a sign "stop" for the information of the other passengers. It may also be of interest to mention that the ventilation system effects a complete change of air every second minute. So far twenty such trams have been put into traffic. They have been built jointly by the ASEA Company and the General Motors Nordiska AB, in Stockholm, and the cost is stated to be about 140,000 kroner (€9,650) a piece. Another 50 are in the course of delivery as well as 20 more built by the firm Hagglund and Söner, and for which trials always have been used to a very large extent.

Point In Possession Case

DISTRICT JUSTICE GIVES DECISION

An interesting point in a house possession case was raised before District Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., at Rathkeale Court. The case was an adjourned one in which Thomas O'Connell, Main St., Glin, brought, ejection proceedings against the representatives of the late Michael Holly, in respect of a dwelling at The Terrace, Glin, let to deceased at a weekly rent of 1/-.

Urged For Brigade Members

CASE FOR IMPROVED EQUIPMENT

The conditions of employment of members of the Ennis Fire Brigade were discussed at a meeting of the Ennis Urban Council, Senator T. V. Hogan presiding, and a request made to the Clare Co. Council to improve these conditions (writes our Ennis correspondent). The matter was introduced by Mr. J. Dwyer, who moved that the attention of the County Council be directed to the necessity for the payment of increased remuneration to the Fire Brigade members, all of whom reside in Ennis. Better fire-fighting equipment, said, was also needed in the form of additional hose, etc. At present nine members of this Brigade were paid at the rate of 2/6 for the first hour of fire-fighting and 1/- for each 15 min. every three minutes for being on call at night. He instanced the case of a recent fire which had been successfully subdued and might have had disastrous consequences for the town were it not for the Fire Brigade members who had been primarily sent of 5/6 for four hours fire-fighting and some of them had been drenched to the skin with water. These men returned to their homes at 7 a.m., changed their ordinary clothes for work clothes at 8 a.m.; otherwise payment for 1 1/2 hours would not be made at the end of the week. Such conditions of employment were not fair to a body of willing workers, who when called upon often risked life and limb to save the property of the citizens. He suggested that the Council be asked to increase the rate of remuneration to 10/- per hour for the first hour of fire-fighting and 5/- for each succeeding hour, payment to be made on the certificate of the Co. Engineer or the Captain of the Fire Brigade. The rate of remuneration be increased to 10/- per year and that the men be supplied with protective clothing similar to that of the Limerick Fire Brigade and allowed time off with pay for the hours spent at night on fire-fighting operations.

Incident At "Excuse-Me" Dance

ACTION FOR ASSAULT

At Rathkeale Court, before District Justice C. S. Kenny, Thomas Moloney, Maurice Dunphy, summoned Maurice Dunphy, Kilmihil, Ballingarry, for alleged assault by striking him with his clenched fist at O'Shea's Dance Hall in Ballingarry on 8th May last. Mr. M. F. Noonan (Messrs. P. T. Linton & Co., solrs.) appeared for plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. M. E. Cussen, solr. Plaintiff stated that on the morning of 8th May last he was at a dance at O'Shea's Hall in Ballingarry. Plaintiff, an "excuse-me" dancer had been announced without approaching Dunphy, who was dancing with a lady, and asked to be "excused" meaning that Dunphy should hand over his partner to be danced with by the plaintiff. In reply defendant told him to "get off." Witness pointed out that it was an "excuse-me" dance, at which defendant struck him on the face with his clenched fist and called him a "punching bag." As a result of the assault witness was treated by a doctor. There could be no doubt in the plaintiff's mind that the dance being an "excuse-me" dance, witness was not to be "excused" from dancing with him. Mr. Cussen: Dunphy's evidence will be that this girl didn't want to dance with you? That is not right. Add he will say that you persisted in excusing yourself to him although you were not wanted? That is not so. Is it a fact that you persisted deliberately in excusing yourself, especially to Dunphy, although it was not wanted? What do you mean by saying "I was not wanted?" That the lady didn't want you? The lady was a friend of mine. Were you jealous of Dunphy because he was dancing with this lady? Not at all. I had no objection if he had asked me to go away. I would have gone, but it was Dunphy's place to tell me. Guard Dowling, who was on duty at the dance, said he received a complaint from plaintiff, who said defendant struck him in the eye. Defendant admitted he struck plaintiff. Mr. Noonan said the lady in the case was now in England but he had a statement from her. Mr. Cussen: I must object to the production of such a statement, as it is not evidence. Defendant's case is that if he had asked plaintiff it was under grave provocation. DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE. Defendant, in evidence, said that on the occasion in question he was dancing with a girl now in England, and he was "excused" me dance. Plaintiff continued, "and Moloney came up and was not doing. I was still dancing with the girl and he would not let me pass, so I shoved him back. He came back again and I gave him a tap on the nose." Defendant added that plaintiff on the occasion was looking for an argument with witness because they were not on friendly terms. Mr. Noonan: Have you a reputation as a pugilist in Ballingarry? To hold my own the reputation of being able to hold my own. Were you refused admission to the hall at one time on the orders of the committee?—Yes. Remarking that it was a clear case of assault, the Justice fined defendant £1 with 25 costs.

HUMANITY MARTIN

"KING OF CONNEMARA"

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Sir,—Readers of your journal may not be aware that it was Mr. Richard Martin, M.P., in the British House of Commons in 1869, who introduced the first Cruelty to Animals Bill, and he was supported by Lord Erskine and other M.P.s, but still it was defeated. Mr. Martin, who represented Castlebar in Parliament, was one of the most remarkable and charitable men of his time. He resided at Ballinahinch Castle, and was known as the "King of Connemara." Sir John Barrington wrote of his friend, "Dick" Martin: "The character of this noble man may be summed up in a sentence: 'Urbanity, benevolence, charity, and humanity towards the brute creation.' After years of agitation, in 1882, the first 'Cruelty to Animals Act' was carried into law. On June 16th, 1824, the N.S.P.C.A. was founded in this country, and he helped in its formation. Tom Moore, Irish poet, wrote: "Place me where Dick Martin lies, the houseless wanderer of Connemara." Martin was known as "Humanity Martin." JAMES GLEASON.

STRUCK IN FACE

AND HER HAND BAG TAKEN

While walking along the North Circular Road towards the city on Saturday night, a young lady was accosted by a man, who, evidently, was bent on robbery. Having kept pace with his intended victim for a short distance, and observing nobody in sight, he struck her full in the face with his clenched fist. As a result of the blow, the lady was stunned. She stumbled and fell, and in doing so she dropped her hand bag. The thief grabbed the bag and made off. It contained a silver watch, a gold chain, and some other valuable articles, and some cash, not a very considerable sum. When she had recovered from the effects of the blow, she made her way to a house and the Garda were notified immediately of the occurrence. In the meantime the authorities are investigating the outrage and developments are expected.

INDUSTRY PROJECT

DEEP CONCERN AT SALE HOLD-UP

At a meeting of the City Executive of Muintir na Tire, held on Thursday last, Mr. M. J. Lynch, Chairman, presiding, the question of the establishing of the new motor assembly works in Limerick was discussed. Deep concern, says a supplied report, was felt at the hold-up in the sale of property to the promoters, and in view of the difficulty of the establishing of the new children in employment it was felt that it would be a grievous loss to the city if any difficulty over the sale of the property should be the cause of transferring the project elsewhere. It was agreed to get in touch with the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce asking that body to give the matter its immediate attention.

ENNIS URBAN COUNCIL DECISIONS

LAND FOR HOUSES

At a special meeting of the Ennis Urban Council (writes our Ennis correspondent), it was decided to acquire land at Cloughleigh for the building of houses for the working classes, pending development of the site at Cloughleigh, on which forty more houses will be built, and for which a grant for £5,000 is available for development purposes. It was also decided to instruct Mr. E. Gibney, Town Planner, to expedite extension of the Borough Boundary to enable sites to be acquired for persons desirous of building houses under the Small Dwellings Act, for which a loan of £10,000 has been sanctioned. The Council has in mind the acquisition of sites at Clonroad and in the vicinity of the Railway Station, where water, sewerage and lighting are available.

CONGRATULATIONS

FROM HOLLAND

Hearty congratulations to the directors of ducts, Ltd., for growth of this long in existence out in 1939, it all the time, but culcites encountered through. The success achieved circumstances, truly the directors, to operators might their achievement to note that plan out of a consider the factory area. This is, surely, a coup coupled with good.

ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF CARTRIDGES

BEFORE MR. C. S. KENNY, B.L., D.J., AT CHARLEVILLE COURT ON TUESDAY

Michael Carroll, junr., Newtownbarry, was summoned by Supt. P. Kelly, for unlawful possession of five live shotgun cartridges without having a firearm certificate. Garda Dowling said that when questioned, defendant said he got them from a friend who did not tell the name of the person. Mr. Binchy said the defendant, who was well conducted, had since gone to England and under the circumstances he would ask that the Probation Act be applied. The Justice dismissed the case under the Probation Act, and ordered the cartridges to be confiscated.

MORE NEW SHIPS FOR OUR MERCANTILE MARINE

THREE NEW MODERN-TYPE CARGO SHIPS WILL BE BUILT FOR IRISH SHIPPING LTD., BY MESSRS. WILLIAM GRAY AND CO., WEST HARLEPOOL.

Three new modern-type cargo ships will be built for Irish Shipping Ltd., by Messrs. William Gray and Co., West Harlepool. Delivery of the three ships is expected towards the end of 1947 and the spring of 1948. Two of the ships will be of 1,000 tons and a 1,200 ton ship is designed for grain and cargo traffic from the River Plate. The order is in addition to that placed some months ago with Messrs. Readhead and Sons, South Shields, for two 7,500 ton vessels. Negotiations, too, are still proceeding for the purchase of two American war-built ships.

"RACE DAY" WHISKEY

BLAMED FOR ASSAULT ON GUARD

At Kilrush Court, before Mr. D. F. Gleason, D.J., John O'Brien, Pound St., Kilrush, was fined 4/- for an assault on Garda Hynes, and 20/- for being drunk and disorderly. Mr. P. O'Shea, solr., who defended, said O'Brien must have got "bad" whiskey as it was race day, and previous to this he bore an excellent character. The Justice asked Supt. Dawson to investigate this plea of "bad" whiskey, as it was offered in five or six cases in the county—one in Ennis and two in Kilrush. Supt. Dawson said that samples of whiskey were taken occasionally in Kilrush and Killee and were always found up to standard. He could not account for this plea of "bad" whiskey, but would have the matter looked into.

DEGREE FOR CO. LIMERICK NUN

SISTER M. AUGUSTINE (DALY)—OF THE ORDER OF THE FAITHFUL COMPANIONS OF JESUS—SECOND DAUGHTER OF MR. J. DALY, F.C., AND MRS. DALY, N.T., CASTLETON, JUST SECURED HER B.A. DEGREE WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS (WRITES OUR BALLINGARRY CORRESPONDENT). SHE IS A PAST PUPIL OF THE CONVENT, F.C.J., BUNDOCKY, CO. WEXFORD, AND PRIOR TO ENTERING THE ORDER she first was an articled clerk in French at the Leavis Certificate Examination. She had been attending lectures at University College, Dublin, for the past two years, and will now join the teaching staff of one of the schools of the Order at Broadstairs, Kent, the brother of Sister Augustine. Rev. Dominec Daly, O.S.A., is studying for the priesthood at the Augustinian Priory, John's Lane, Dublin, and is due for ordination early next year.

ALL-ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

AT U.C.D. GROUNDS, DUBLIN, YESTERDAY, P. V. GILNEY RETAINED HIS TITLE FOR THE FOURTH TIME. FOR SEVEN OF THE TEN EVENTS CONTESTED HE SECURED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS.

TIMBER FROM U.S.A.

Over 1,000 tons of timber arrived in Dublin during the week-end on board the Richard Upjohn, from New Orleans. Other arrivals at the port included the Sarolis, with 700 tons of wines from Spain and Portugal.

DEATH OF MISS LUCY O'BRIEN

THE INTERMENT TOOK PLACE TO-DAY AT MISS LUCY O'BRIEN, DAUGHTER OF MRS. M. S. O'BRIEN AND THE LATE MR. MICHAEL O'BRIEN, BALLYCUMMIN CASTLE, LIMERICK. HER DEATH OCCURRED ON THE 18TH INST. THE DEMISE OF THIS YOUNG LADY, FOLLOWING AN OPERATION, CAME AS A PROFOUND SHOCK TO THE FAMILY CIRCLE BUT TO A VERY WIDE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS. SHE WAS HELD IN AFFECTIONATE REGARD BY HER ACQUAINTANCES, AND HER PREMATURE DEATH HAS OCCASIONED HEARTFELT SYMPATHY FOR HER MOTHER, BROTHER AND SISTERS AND OTHER RELATIVES IN THEIR BEAVERVALE. THE FUNERAL TO-DAY FROM RAHEEN CHURCH, AFTER REQUIEM HIGH MASS, TO MOUNT ST. LAWRENCE CEMETERY WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST SEEN PASSING THROUGH THE CITY FOR MANY YEARS. THE CORTEGE WAS OF IMMENSE PROPORTIONS, BEING OVER A MILE IN LENGTH.

PILOTS ON STRIKE

T.W.A. PLANES HELD UP

It was learned at Rineanna to-day that in consequence of a dispute with the pilots a question of pay the movement of all T.W.A. planes has been held up. One T.W.A. plane arrived at Rineanna this morning, but her flight to Europe has been delayed indefinitely. T.W.A. officials at the Shannon Airport state that they have no official information concerning the stoppage, pending a cable from the United States, which is expected at any moment. It would appear that T.W.A. is the only company affected.

BUSY DAY AT SHANNON AIRPORT

DURING THE 24 HOURS ENDED AT MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY NO FEWER THAN 17 PLANES LEFT SHANNON FOR NEW YORK. THEY CARRIED 136 PASSENGERS AND TOOK A TOTAL OF 50,000 GALLONS OF AVIATION SPIRIT. ALTOGETHER 38 MACHINES EITHER ARRIVED OR LEFT DURING THE DAY, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE BUSIEST YET EXPERIENCED AT THE AIRPORT.

HORSE DROWNED

WHILE A WORKER WAS CONVEYING A LOAD OF HIDES IN CORK ON FRIDAY, THE HORSE HE HAD BEEN DRIVING BACKED THROUGH THE CHAINS AT MERCHANTS QUAY AND INTO THE RIVER. THE DRIVER JUMPED TO SAFETY IN TIME, BUT THE HORSE WAS DROWNED.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY ROCHE

WITH VERY SINCERE REGRET WE ANNOUNCE THE DEATH OF MRS. MARY ROCHE, WIFE OF MR. J. H. ROCHE, (ROCHEVILLE), ROSBRIEN, LIMERICK, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY.

The deceased lady, who had reached an advanced age, took an active part in charitable activities up to recent years, when failing health forced her to sever all connection with such bodies. A lady of refinement and culture, she endeared herself to a very wide circle of friends, all of whom deeply regret her passing. The sympathy of the citizens will go out to her highly esteemed and beloved husband, who was a High Sheriff of the city for a period; her son, Mr. Michael F. Roche, Chairman, Limerick Race Co., and the other members of the family in their bereavement.

MILK PRODUCTION AND FOOD

AS A RESULT OF EXPERIMENTS CARRIED OUT IN SWEDEN IN RELATION TO HEREDITY AND MILK PRODUCTION IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT HEREDITY SETS A LIMIT TO THE MILK PRODUCTION OF EACH COW. IF A COW IS GIVEN MORE FOOD THAN CORRESPONDS TO HER MAXIMUM MILK PRODUCTION, THE LATTER WILL NOT BE INCREASED AT ALL, OR ONLY VERY SLIGHTLY.

MERCHANT AND ASSISTANT FINED

FOR SELLING 20 PLAYERS MEDIUM CIGARETTES FOR 2/- (7d. OVER THE CONTROLLED MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE). JAMES GILBERT, MERCHANT, CASTLE STREET, ROSBRIEN, WAS, AT ROSBRIEN DISTRICT COURT, FINED 45/-, AND HIS ASSISTANT, PATRICK McLAUGHLIN, FOR AIDING AND ABETTING, WAS FINED £2.

IRLAND WINS IN BRIDGE TEST

IRELAND BEAT SCOTLAND BY 1,050 POINTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CAMROSE TROPHY BRIDGE TOURNAMENT, WHICH CONCLUDED LAST NIGHT IN THE CENTRAL HOTEL, DUBLIN.

FOOTBALL POOLS

THE ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL OF GREAT BRITAIN STATED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THURSDAY THAT THE VALUE OF THE POSTAL ORDER WHICH WAS VERY USEFUL FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOOTBALL POOL ENTRIES WAS ABOUT £750,000.

NOTHING MYSTERY

BUT THERE WAS A MYSTERY ABOUT DESPITE THE FACT THAT FROM THE LAND OF MERELY RETIRED FOR A BRIEF HOLDING EXACTLY A CASE HORSE HAD COME HAPPENED LIKE THIS SOLD TO A DUTCH TENDED TO FOLLOW OWN COUNTRY. UNDISPOSED SHORT PURCHASE, AN ABLE TO ATTEND TO NEW POSSESSION, RETURNED TO LIMERICK BY ITS ORIGINAL OWNER WILL SOON BE SEA TRIP.

MERITED RECOGNITION

THE GREAT WORK OF INSPECTOR FOLEY, MET WITH THE RICHEST DESERVES—A GOLD STAR OF MERIT MOST PAINSTAKINGLY GOS HIS ONEROUS A IN A THOROUGH MANNER. THE BEST OF THE GOLD STAR SOCIETY IS, INDEED, HONOUR, MORE ESPECIALLY GIVEN TO INTERVALS BY WAY OF TION. MR. FOLEY IS REGARDED IN OFFICIAL, AND IN THIS CONNECTION MENTIONED THAT FLOOD HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN VERY USEFUL FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOOTBALL POOL ENTRIES WAS ABOUT £750,000.