

ber to its policy. The future of each member depends on the strength of the Association, said Mr. Loughney.

HYGIENIC HANDLING OF FOODS

Dealing with the hygienic handling of foods, he strongly recommended the establishment of grocery sections in vocational schools. The programme could cover the vitamin value of the various foods, food processing, food law, and general food hygiene.

Mr. J. J. Downes was unanimously re-elected Branch Chairman and Mr. G. McDonagh, Vice-Chairman. Messrs. E. Hartney, F. Duggan, E. Conway, W. J. Farrell and A. Hoare were elected to the Committee.

FACTORY PROJECT

NEWCASTLE WEST SITES

Mr. A. J. Sexton, auctioneer, Limerick, visited Newcastle West during the week when he interviewed members of the local Parish Council in connection with a number of sites that have been offered for the projected milk bye-products factory in the county. Mr. Sexton has advertised for offers of suitable sites for the proposed factory, which, it is stated, will provide employment for between 80 and 100 hands in the manufacture of products of which milk will provide the raw material. A number of sites that are believed to be eminently suitable for the purpose have been offered in the vicinity of the town. Mr. Sexton, it was learned, undertook to communicate his views on the sites to the interested firm.

OVER 100 YEARS OLD

A remarkable walking stick, over 100 years old, is in the possession of Mr. Harry Guinane, of Ennis (writes our correspondent). The stick resembles a blackthorn stick but has not all the characteristics of a blackthorn. It is fitted with a silver handle underneath, which is a circular plate bearing an inscription which states that the stick was presented to Lord Dunboyne in the year 1842. At one time he resided at Knoppogue Castle, Quin, Co. Clare, but the building long since changed ownership. There are several thorns on the stick and about twenty of these are studded with smaller circular discs of silver, each containing different initials. It is surmised that the initials represent the names of friends who were identified with the presentation of the stick to Lord Dunboyne. It is in a remarkably fine state of preservation.

DEATH OF CO. LIMERICK PRIEST

The death occurred at Croom, Co. Limerick, of Rev. John Ryan, C.C., elder son of Mrs. P. J. Ryan and the late Mr. P. J. Ryan, Post Office, Croom.

Aged 47 years, the late Father Ryan was educated at Croom National School, and continued his studies at St. Munchin's College, Limerick, and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he was ordained in 1923 for the Limerick Diocese.

After his ordination he served for some years as curate in Ardpatrick, but was forced to retire owing to ill-health. He has been in failing health for some years past. His death at an early age is widely regretted.

COUNTY FEIS SUCCESSES

Four of the five competitors entered from Ballygran district were awarded prizes at the County Feis held recently in Croom (writes our Ballygran correspondent). They are:—Master Denis O'Sullivan, Drewscourt, who secured first place in the junior violin competition; Miss Peg Ni Gormain, Ballybane, first in Irish storytelling (under 12), and Master A. O'Brien, Drewscourt, and S. Fehan, Rossbane (also under 12), who were awarded second prizes for Irish dialogue. Master O'Sullivan is a pupil of the local weekly music classes, while the other prize winners are all pupils of Ballygran N.S.

EIRE'S UNEMPLOYED.

The total registered unemployed on June 21st was 41,299. This is a reduction when compared with the figure of 42,722 for the previous week, and 46,055 a year ago.

selected Mayor of Waterford, yesterday, by eight votes to six for Mr. T. Lynch (F.G.), was proposed by his Labour colleague, Mr. P. O'Connor, and seconded and supported by Fianna Fail members. The Mayoral salary was again fixed at £650.

The new Mayor is son of the late Mr. J. Gloster, former official at Limerick G.P.O., and of Mrs. Gloster, Clare Street, Limerick. A graduate of U.C.C., where he obtained his B.Comm. degree, Mr. Gloster was auditor of the U.C.C. Literary and Philosophical Society, and was awarded the gold medal for oratory in 1934-35. He took his H.Dip. in Ed. at U.C.D., and came to Waterford in 1936 where he has since been attached to the professional staff of Mount Sion C.B.S.

THE LIMERICK QUAYS

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Sir—I would like, through the columns of your paper, to respectfully draw the attention of the Harbour Board to a frequent abuse and negligence on the Limerick quays, namely, the unhooking of the chains from the posts at the river side by careless and selfish persons who are thoughtless of the safety of others. Juveniles are not always the offenders. I have seen a woman detaching one of the safety chains and throwing it on the ground as if it was an obstruction. We should appreciate the seating accommodation on the quays, but we should also see that the entrance to them is not left unprotected. The lamp on the quay side next to the jetty at the end of Bedford Row is left unlighted, and the pier beside the slip at Arthur's Quay is left without a barrier or a railing. These places to which I have referred are regular death-traps for strangers, and Limerick may now well be termed a city of strangers.

Yours faithfully,

TOMAS UA FRALAIGH.

SALARY OF AIRPORT M.O.

At a conference between officials of Department of Industry and Commerce and County Manager D. O'Keefe (Clare), writes our Ennis correspondent, the salary of Medical Officer to be appointed for duty at Shannon Airport was fixed at £650 per year, of which sum the Department will contribute £500 and the Clare County Council £150. In addition to this remuneration the Medical Officer will be entitled to a free uniform and house and the fees from private practice. The appointment will be made by a Selection Board consisting of representatives of the Clare County Council, the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Department of Local Government.

UNLIGHTED BICYCLES

When a number of persons were summoned at to-day's sitting of Limerick District Court for riding unlighted bicycles at night, Mr. D. F. Gleeson, B.L., D.J., mentioned that on the previous night between Ennis Road and the city, he had passed numerous cyclists with unlighted machines. "I don't know how they escaped the motors and lorries," he said.

He imposed fines of 5/- on a number of the defendants.

On motorists who parked vehicles at bus stops in the city, the Justice imposed fines of 10/-.

"D" COMPANY OLD I.R.A.

A meeting of "D" Company of the Old I.R.A. will be held in St. Munchin's Temperance Hall on Sunday next, 22nd inst., at 1 p.m. (new time). As important business is to be transacted, a full and punctual attendance is requested.

HIS FIRST MASS

Rev. James Tobin, S.M.A., celebrated his first Mass in St. Andrew's Church, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick, on Friday, 20th inst. He was assisted by Very Rev. J. J. Dolan, P.P. The previous day he was ordained at Newry by Most Rev. Dr. Doherty. Father Tobin was a noted hurler and played with the Limerick County team.

POLICE FIRE ON STRIKERS.

When police in Bombay early today opened fire on railway strikers, who were rioting, one person was killed, three wounded, and fifteen injured by stone throwing. A number of local services were brought to a standstill as a result of the outbreak of violence.

assured by, possibly, one vote.

CAPT. MONTEITH

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AND THE LATE MR. LAFFAN

Miss Elsie Laffan, Killonan, has received from Captain Robert Monteith an interesting letter in reference to the death of her brother, Mr. Batt Laffan. Tendering to her and the other bereaved relatives the sincere sympathy of his wife and himself, he says the sad news of Mr. Laffan's death was a great blow to him. He had hopes, he said, of seeing all the Laffan family as soon as possible after arriving back from America. "Now," he sorrowfully adds, "it matters little whether I go south or not. It seems as though nearly all of those I knew are gone to their last rest."

Captain Monteith was a prominent and active organiser for the Irish Volunteers, and in the days of trial and danger was a frequent and welcome visitor to the home of Mr. Laffan, who gave great service to the movement.

THE CLEMENTS CASE

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FINDINGS OF CORONER'S JURY

The jury returned verdicts to-day at Southport, Lancashire, at the close of the inquest held touching the circumstances of the deaths of Dr. R. J. Clements, his wife, Mrs. Amy Clements, and Dr. J. M. Houlton, pathologist.

In the case of Mrs. Clements they found that she had been murdered by her husband.

They found that Dr. Clements had committed felo-de-se, and that Dr. Houlton had taken his own life while the balance of his mind was disturbed. They added that Dr. Houlton's diabetic condition and his over-consciousness were contributory factors.

DIDN'T LIKE LEAVE HER ALONE!

At Bruff court before Mr. H. L. Connor, D.J., Guard Fallon was the complainant in a summons against the proprietors of O'Donovan's Hall, Bruff, for permitting a girl under 16 years to participate in a dance held in the Hall, on January 1st.

Mr. R. Fox, solicitor, for the defence, said the girl was accompanied by her sister. What occurred on the particular evening was that her sister, who was over 21 did not like to leave her alone at home and for that reason she brought her to the hall where she was admitted on the condition that she would not participate in the dancing. The man at the door could not resist the importunities of the girls and consented to leave the younger girl in. It was an isolated case.

His Worship in imposing a fine of 20/- said that he did not think there was any defence at all.

FIRST NEW POTATOES.

Mr. Tommy Ryan, senr., Carrowgar, Ogonelloe, has been the first in the Killaloe area (writes our local correspondent) to put new potatoes on the market. The tubers are of good size, and as dry as could be expected. Mr. Ryan is one of the most industrious farmers in the area.

JOCKEY FINED £10.

It was made known yesterday that W. Neveit, the well-known North of England jockey, was fined £10 by the Stewards of the recent Ascot meeting, for, it is alleged, starting out of his draw on the occasion of his riding the odds-on favourite, Anschluss, which finished unplaced.

TO MEET IN PARIS.

Mr. E. Devlin, the British Foreign Minister, flew to France this morning for the conference in Paris concerning the proposed United States aid to Europe plan. He will meet Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Minister for Foreign Affairs, in the French capital this evening.

anticipate that he would be prepared to proceed with the taking of depositions within the week.

Granting the remand, Mr. D. F. Gleeson, B.L., D.J., said a special day could be fixed for the taking of depositions. He would remand Kennedy in custody for a week.

FIRST PRIZE FOR POEM

The first prize has again been awarded to Mr. Seamus Kelleher, M.A., H.Dip.Ed., N.T., by the "Comhchaidreamh" or Gaelic Society of the Irish Universities, for one of his poems. The prize poem is an elegy on Amhlaioibh O Loingsigh, of Ballyvourney. It has now been decided to put many of Mr. Kelleher's poems in an anthology of Irish poetry which is to be compiled. His poems are among the finest in Irish literature. They are fresh, beautiful, musical and spontaneous, rising to wonderful heights of poetry. The Comhchaidreamh now wishes to thank him for his poem. He is a native of Lower Dirreenalling, Ballyvourney, Co. Cork, and is teaching in Co. Clare.

VISITORS BACK TO THEIR OLD HOMES

Amongst the visitors who have arrived in Abbeyfeale on a visit to their old homes from U.S.A. during the past week (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) were the Rev. John O'Sullivan, P.P.; Rev. John Forde, P.P., California; Mr. and Mrs. D. Sheehy, Dromtrasna; Mr. Batt. W. O'Connor, Mountmahon, and Miss Mai Curran. Those who knew and admired the poems written by Dan W. O'Connor more than 40 years ago regretted to learn of his death in New York at a time when he was expected to re-visit the scenes of his boyhood, which were the subject of some of his best songs.

HOUSING SCHEME FOR ENNIS

Sites have been inspected in Ennis by representatives of an Irish building company that proposes to erect a big number of houses in the town. The greatest need in Ennis at the moment is (writes our Ennis correspondent) housing accommodation to provide for married operatives at the Shannon Airport and others living in unsuitable flats and apartments of a kind. The existing hotels are usually short of accommodation and to provide for their own patrons and extra visitors have had to rent bedrooms in a number of private houses.

CERTIFICATES GRANTED

To-day a number of auctioneers and house agents practising in the Limerick area, applied to Mr. D. F. Gleeson, B.L., D.J., at Limerick District Court for certificates of personal fitness, under the new Auctioneers and House Agents Act.

The Justice granted the certificates after the solicitors who appeared for the individual auctioneers had proved that the statutory notice to the parties concerned had been duly published by their clients.

GLIN OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Glin Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee on Tuesday, Mr. James Barrett, Co.C., presided. Also present were:—Messrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, P.C.; William Dillane, John T. Culhane, and Patrick Conway.

Four claims were before the meeting, which, on being considered, were passed at 10/- each.

SHIPPING AT FOYNES.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., the tanker, ss. Esso Genesse, arrived in Foynes Harbour with 750 tons of aviation spirit for the Irish American Oil Company.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., the ss. "Basset Hound," arrived in the harbour with 1,000 tons of aviation spirit for the Irish American and the Irish Shell Oil Companies.

A DEAD CERTAINTY!

The invention of a painless rabbit trap which kills instantly and which will cost the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals £12,000 to put on the market, was announced in London yesterday.

Mr. Ryan pointed out that the provisions of the 1903 Act imposed great onus on general dealers. The defendant was a decent dealer, who had carried on business in a big way in Limerick since 1915.

The Justice remarked that the purpose of the statute was that general dealers should make sure of the identity of any person from whom they purchased articles such as lead, as in the present case. Such dealers were in the same position as bank cashiers, in so far as they had to make sure that "they had the right man." It was doubly necessary for dealers to be careful in purchasing such items as lead at the moment when there were so many instances of theft. He would apply the Probation of Offenders Act.

LARCENY OF PAPERS

Christopher McSweeney, 207 Killinap Place, Spanghill, Cork, and Michael Nagle, 7 Lady's Well, Hill, Cork, were charged with the larceny of 21 copies of the "Sunday Independent," from Birdhill, on June 22nd last.

Supt. O'Mahony prosecuted, and the defendants, who were not professionally represented, pleaded guilty.

The Superintendent explained that the defendants were on their way from Cork to work on the Kildare bogs, when they committed the offences. When passing through Birdhill early in the morning, they took some parcels of papers from outside the doors of local newsagents, where they had been deposited by the delivery lorry. They proceeded to sell the papers in the locality, and were questioned by Guard Green after they had sold some of the papers. Both defendants admitted the offences and both had been convicted previously—Nagle on one occasion—on charges of larceny.

The Justice remarked that he had the record of McSweeney before him, which showed that this defendant had been charged previously with larceny on fourteen different occasions. He sentenced both defendants to five days imprisonment each, to date from the date of their arrest, five days ago.

The two defendants were accordingly discharged, and the Justice warned them not to come before him in future.

CO. LIMERICK TEACHER'S WILL

The last will, dated 20th April, 1945, of Mrs. Mary Flynn, National School Teacher, of Blackabbey Road, Adare, Co. Limerick, whose assets were stated to amount to about £1,000, was admitted to probate in solemn form by Mr. Justice Dixon in the High Court, Dublin, yesterday, after a jury had found in its favour.

Mrs. Flynn, who died on 26th of June, 1946, left all her property to her sister, Mrs. Nora Collins, Blackabbey Road, Adare, who, as executrix, brought the action to have the will established. The will was contested by the late Mrs. Flynn's husband, Garda John Flynn, Listowel, Co. Kerry, on the usual grounds.

All parties were allowed their costs out of the estate.

Mr. Joseph Healy, S.C., and Mr. Wm. Finlay (instructed by Messrs. Dundon and Treacy) were for Mrs. Collins, and Mr. T. K. Liston, S.C., and Mr. Claude Sainsbury (instructed by Messrs. Matthew J. Byrne and Co.) were for Garda Flynn.

SEAN RYAN, TENOR

Sean Ryan, tenor, is spending a short holiday at home before proceeding to Italy in the very near future. He will broadcast from Radio Eireann on Monday next from 7 to 7.15. This will be his last broadcast in Ireland for 12 months. He is preparing two new songs for the occasion. They are by a rising young Irish composer, Mr. Bill Blyth, of Dublin, and are entitled, "The Ruin" and "The Land of the Silver Mountains." They were written specially for Mr. Ryan.

Dr. J. C. Troy and Dr. K. D. White will be away until 15th July.

Mr. G. A. Fitzgibbon will be absent from 61 O'Connell Street for the month of July.

Miss Bowman, Masseuse, will be away from The Crescent, Limerick, from 1st July, until further notice.

Mr. J. B. McMahon, L.D.S.I., will be away from 78 O'Connell Street, Limerick, until July 14th.