

GAELIC LEAGUE NOTES

(BY "AN CABACH BUADH.") Coisde na hPaiste. At the special meeting of the County Committee of the Gaelic League...

Gaelic Organisers. Two Gaelic organisers are now in County Limerick. One, representing the Gaelic League...

Three-County Feis. The Three-County Feis will be held as usual in 1948 at Castleconnell but it is hoped to run a carnival in conjunction with the Rural Week programme...

This Irish Week. For some weeks to come I intend to publish extracts from a book of the above title issued by the Gaelic League...

Have You Considered? Have you considered, really considered, your personal position in regard to the restoration of Irish? Have you considered that you may be keeping Ireland from nationhood?

Grant, Dermot Foley, James Roche, Daniel Brille, Henry Daly.

Third-Class Certificates—Misses Audrey Hollywood, Patricia Ross, Messrs. Dermot Molony, Patrick Dooley, Raymond Kearney, Brian Gubbins, Jack Ringrose.

Swimmers' Certificate—Misses Imelda Smith, Mary Brown, Rita Ringrose, Eileen Graham, Maura Prendergast, Anne Collins, Maura Lynch, Deirdre Ross, Josephine Lane, Phyllis O'Donovan, Marie Crowe, Rose Cussen; Messrs. Joseph O'Donovan, Thomas Lane, Thomas Dundon, Noel Mulcahy, Vincent Merlin, Derrick Kearney, Thomas Burke, William O'Brien, William Leahy, Bernard Downes, Nessan Johnson, Thomas Colivet, Thomas O'Brien, Noel O'Brien, Brendan Lyon.

Activity was also brisk in Killaloe and Rockwell College. The following were awarded swimming certificates this season:

Killaloe—Messrs. Michael Addeley, Andrew McGrath, Thomas Kieley, Christopher McGrath, John Hinchey, Charles Toher.

Rockwell College—Messrs. Cornelius O'Donovan, John Harrington, John Cosgrove, Sean O'Sullivan, John Kelly, Rian Glasgow, Dermot McCarthy, Patrick Bayan, Thomas Dee, Patrick Arrigan, John McInerney, John Morrissey, James Hogan, James Burke, Patrick Hayes, Michael McAuliffe, Kevin Walsh, Brian O'Connor, Patrick Burke, Noel Mackey, Patrick Murray, William Colbert, John Higgins, Brendan Lyon, Herbert Hanna, Kieran Thompson.

Indoor Pool Shortly? A notice of motion has been placed before the Government that indoor swimming pools be provided in Cork, Dublin and Limerick.

Blue Star General Meeting. While the flush of victory still remains, the Blue Star will hold their annual general meeting on Wednesday night, October 29th.

WHICH ARE YOU? Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

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DRAIN CHOKED

And Road Became Flooded

PROSECUTION BY COUNTY COUNCIL.

The flooding of a public road through a drain becoming choked had a sequel before District Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., at Ballyneety Court on Thursday, 2nd inst.

The Limerick County Council had Michael Harrington, Poutaloon, Fedamore, and James Whelan, Cloughadoolary, Fedamore, prosecuted for omitting to scour out a drain or drains leading from the public road to their lands...

Mr. Roger O'Sullivan, solr., appeared for the County Council, and Mr. A. J. Blood-Smyth, solr., was for the defendants.

SURVEYOR'S EVIDENCE.

John Silke, Assistant County Surveyor, for the plaintiffs, said that he knew the lands of the defendants. He proved a map of the scene. Some efforts were made by the County Council to stop flooding in this district, he said, and some residents approached the County Council regarding it...

Cross-examined, witness said that he never knew the history of the drain and was not aware that it was made by the Board of Works. He disagreed that it was 17 or 18 feet deep; the average depth in his estimation would be 10 to 12 feet.

Mr. Blood-Smyth—Sure neither of their holdings adjoins the public road?

Witness—They are away from the public road but the drain was on both sides of their land.

Witness, continuing, disagreed that it was the County Council who always carried out the drainage there.

Mr. O'Sullivan—Whether they adjoin the public road or not, this flooding was there?

Witness—Yes, it was.

Mr. Blood-Smyth submitted that his clients were not responsible for the scouring of drainage as their holdings were not contiguous to the road, and they could not be expected to enter another man's land to carry out the drainage. That would be against the Act of Parliament. Portion of the drainage—150 yards in length—was not in their lands.

DEFENDANT EXAMINED.

Michael Harrington, in evidence, said that the other defendant, James Whelan, was confined to hospital, and could not attend Court that day. Witness was in possession of the present lands for about 40 years and never cleared the drain. The County Council had it cleared about seven years ago, and he estimated that the depth of the drain was about 18 or 19 feet.

Cross-examined, witness said he never cleared the drain, and it was no concern of his to get anyone to clear it. He was not aware if anyone else in the locality asked the assistance of the Co. Council to clear drains in the district.

It was the submission of Mr. O'Sullivan that the defendants' lands touched the road at a point, and that was sufficient to succeed in the prosecution. The drain in question was leading from the public road, though it may not be immediate.

Justice (to Michael Harrington)—Where does your land touch the road?

Witness—It is far away from the drain.

Justice—How far?—About 70 or 80 yards, or perhaps 100.

Witness said that it was his point that they (defendants) never cleared the drain, and Whelan's lands did not touch the public road.

Mr. O'Sullivan said he could not give any evidence that Whelan's lands touched the public road.

JUSTICE'S DECISION.

The Justice said he would dismiss the case against Whelan, and impose a nominal fine of 1/- on Harrington, without costs, and expressed the hope that the County Council would give a man and Harrington give another man in the hope that the drain would be cleared.

LIMERICK STOCK LIST

Table with columns: TO-DAY'S PRICES, Government Funds, Banks, Transport, Miscellaneous. Lists various financial instruments and their current market prices.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Assets of the above Society being now almost realised, I am making a first payment of the par value of all claimed Shareholdings. I, therefore, request all persons who have not yet claimed their Shareholdings, to supply a written statement of their holding or claim to Shares to me without delay.

W. H. O'DONNELL, F.C.A., Liquidator, 90, O'Connell Street, Limerick.

FATAL INJURIES

Corbally Accident

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

Mr. J. S. MacNeice, solicitor, Acting City Coroner, sitting with a jury, at Barrington's Hospital on Friday evening, held an inquest touching the circumstances surrounding the death of Michael Coughlan (59), 4 Barrack Place, off Lower Gerald Griffin Street, who sustained a fatal injury while working on the housing scheme at Corbally on Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Leahy, solicitor, appeared for the next-of-kin; Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, for Messrs. Irish Estates, Ltd., and Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solicitor, held a watching brief for an interested party.

Thomas Sweeney, "St. Anne's," Dublin Road, Limerick, said he was engaged as a lorry driver for his father, Denis Sweeney. On the 7th October he was conveying gravel to the building site at Lanahroe, Corbally. At 2.45 p.m. he arrived with a load of 5 1/2 tons, and after going in on to the site he had to reverse the load back a road that was in process of construction. In the movement the left back wheel sank and the lorry then was stationary. It was a tip-up lorry, and as a result of the wheel sinking one side had to be let down to remove the gravel. There was an iron cross-bar stretching across from side to side, preventing these from bulging out. Witness went to the right-hand side when the lorry sank at the other side to pull up the bar.

SAW MAN BLEEDING FROM HEAD.

At that time he didn't know that the two pins were removed from the left side and could not recall having done so himself. After removing the bar on the right side he went across to the left side, where he saw a man lying on the ground. This man, whom he did not recognise, was bleeding from the head. He subsequently learned that this man was Michael Coughlan, the deceased. There was no one else with witness when he was removing the bar. At this stage the left side of the lorry was down, but he did not see the bar. The man who was lying on the ground did not say anything. There were other workmen near the lorry at the time of the accident.

To Mr. O'Malley, witness said the lorry was new; just two years old. The cross-bar was not supplied with the lorry when purchased. It was fitted two months ago by some garage people. Witness did not feel any drag on the bar when he released it. It was an ordinary cross-bar without angle ends that slipped into two loops at either side.

To Mr. Leahy, witness said that the lorry had sufficient capacity for 5 1/2 tons. The bar was only for protection purposes. When drawing the load of gravel from the pit at Ballinagarra witness did not put the pins in the side of the lorry; this was the duty of someone working in the pit. No one could have removed the pins from the time of leaving Ballinagarra until the time of the accident. The deceased was about four feet from the lorry when witness saw him.

To Mr. O'Donovan—Witness said the pins were in when leaving Ballinagarra. The lorry was a "tipper" and he did not need a helper. He was driving lorries for 22 years.

RELEASE OF THE PINS.

Patrick Coffey, Cloughlea, Six-milebridge, said he was a foreman employed by Irish Estates at Corbally. On the 17th inst, he remembered the last witness coming in with a load of gravel. He recalled that the lorry sunk on the left side, as a result of which it was impossible to tip up the lorry. It was the driver's duty to empty the lorry. To the best of my knowledge, witness said, Mr. Sweeney released the pin at the back at the left side, and Mr. Twomey and I released the front pin on the left-hand side. At this stage the cross-bar was not touched. As I was removing the pin at the front left-hand side Mr. Sweeney went over to the other side (right hand), and then I saw the side of the lorry dropping like a shot and Michael Coughlan falling to the ground. Michael Coughlan was standing about 4 1/2 feet from the centre of the lorry.

Continuing, witness said that Coughlan was unconscious and was removed immediately to Barrington's Hospital. Deceased was employed by Messrs. Irish Estates and was waiting to spread the load of gravel. A man named Thomas Donoghue was also present when the accident occurred.

To Mr. Leahy—Witness said that no warning was given to the men standing around to stand back when the sides of the lorry were being dropped.

Patrick Twomey, 56 High Road, Thomondgate, corroborated the evidence of the last witness, and said that Mr. Sweeney was assisted by Thomas Donoghue in the removal of the back pin. When the side of the lorry burst out witness had to jump away from the fall, and he next saw the deceased, Michael Coughlan, unconscious on the concrete path and bleeding from the head. Before Michael Coughlan fell he was standing about 3 1/2 yards from the centre of the lorry.

THE CROSS-BAR SHOT UP.

Frank Doherty, 23 Cregan Ave., Killeely, said he was employed in the capacity of a labourer by Irish Estates, Ltd. at Corbally. He remembered Mr. Sweeney's lorry coming in with a load and sinking on the left-hand side. He saw the driver on the right-hand side of the lorry, and he seemed to be removing the right-hand front corner pin. He did not see the driver release the back pin. Next he saw the left-hand sideboard drop with a terrific spring and the cross-bar shot up with terrific speed towards the left-hand side, where it struck Coughlan, who was standing four or five yards from the lorry, on the head. Witness did not observe what had happened the bar afterwards.

Patrick Coughlan, 4 Barrack Place, Lower Gerald Griffin Street, son of deceased, said he resided with his father, who was 59 years of age. On the 7th inst. he got a message stating that his father had been removed to Barrington's Hospital, where he called and saw him unconscious. On the following day he saw his father's remains and identified them.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, who carried out a post-mortem examination, said the deceased was admitted to the hospital at 3 p.m. on the 7th October last and died at 3.30 a.m. on the 8th October. He was unconscious before death. Deceased had a fracture on the left side of the skull, with a good deal of haemorrhage

MARKET PRICES

Breadstuffs—Flour (bakers), 64/6 per sack; retail, 64/6 per sack; wholesale, 62/- per sack; oatmeal, 6/6 per stone; flake oatmeal, 7/- per stone.

LIMERICK MARKETS—Saturday. Butter 2/8 per lb. Hen Eggs 4/- to 4/6 per doz. Duck Eggs 4/- to 4/6 per doz. Chickens 11/- to 17/- per pair. Ducks 9/- to 13/- per pair. Old Fowl 8/- to 12/6 per pair. Turkeys 2/- per lb. Geese 10/- to 16/- each. Eating Apples 5/- to 7/6 per basket. Cooking Apples 4/- to 5/- per basket. Potatoes 1/3 to 1/10 per stone. Turnips 100/- to 120/- per ton. Upland Hay 85/- to 115/- per ton. Wheaten Straw 60/- to 85/- per ton.

Weekly Cattle Market—There were 65 calves in market; they sold at from 12/6 to 95/- each.

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL (Public Health Department).

NOTICE TO PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS.

CAHERDAVIN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

Tenders are invited from competent public works Contractors for extension of the water mains from Tivoli Reservoir, Limerick, to Caherdavin, Co. Limerick, in accordance with the plans and specification prepared by Mr. P. J. Sheahan, M.I.C.E.L., M.R.I.A.L., County Engineer, 47 O'Connell Street, Limerick.

The work includes items as follows:

- (1) Provision and laying of 1,154 lin. yds. of 6" dia. cast iron water mains, (2) Provision and laying of 340 lin. yds. of 5" dia. cast iron water mains, together with all hydrants, valves, etc.

Tender forms, plans, specifications and Bills of Quantities may be had on application at the office of the County Engineer on payment of a deposit of £2, which will be refunded on return of the documents in good condition.

Sealed tenders and priced Bills of Quantities extended in ink, each in separate envelopes, endorsed "Caherdavin Water Supply," and having the contractor's name on the outside, should be addressed to the undersigned so as to reach him not later than 12 o'clock (noon) on Thursday, 30th October, 1947.

A deposit of £20 must accompany each tender, which will be returned to unsuccessful contractors after consideration of the tenders, and to the successful contractor on completion of bond.

The successful contractor must enter into a bond with two solvent sureties prepared at his expense by the Council's Solicitor for the due performance of the contract.

Employment of labour on the scheme will be in accordance with the terms set out in Memorandum SGA/213/C issued by the Department of Local Government.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender and any tender accepted will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

By Order, J. J. KING, Chief Officer.

Public Health Department, Limerick Co. Council, Newcastle West, 7/10/47. (11c)

BOMB EXPLOSION

IN U.S.A. CONSULATE IN JERUSALEM

A bomb explosion occurred at the American Consulate in Jerusalem to-day.

A Consulate official said that the bomb was thrown over the back wall of the building and exploded in a yard. One car there was damaged and a door was blown in, but there were not any casualties. Two local employees were, however, injured slightly as a result of flying glass.

Investigations into the outrage are proceeding.

IN VIEW OF STRIKES

RAIL AND GAS SERVICES CURTAILED

Severe curtailment of rail and gas services is announced from Chile to-day. The Government there has considered it imperative to adopt such a measure in view of the serious strikes throughout the coal-fields in that country. The strikes have now lasted ten days.

Navy and Army coal supplies are almost exhausted as a result, and the present stocks will only last a few days.

COAL FROM U.S.A.

It was announced in Washington on Friday night that this country is to get 63,000 tons of coal from the United States in November. It will come in seven cargoes of 9,000 tons each.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT.

Large quantities of dried fruits for Christmas cakes and puddings are expected to be on sale shortly in the shops. It is believed, too, that the prices will be lower than those for existing stocks.

DEATH.

DREW—At her residence, 2 Flax Lane, Mary Drew, deeply respected, R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church (Monday) evening, at 8 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday), at 4 o'clock, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

The United Society of Boiler-makers and Iron and Steel Ship-builders. At the monthly meeting of above a vote of sympathy was passed with Bro. James Smyth on the death of his brother, Jack, who was a member of this Society. —Sec. (p)

Dressing on the brain. Death, in his opinion, was due to shock and haemorrhage, following the above injuries. The injuries could be consistent with deceased being struck with an iron bar on the head.

"A PURE ACCIDENT."

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and stated that they were satisfied that it was a pure accident, with no blame attaching to anyone.

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