

their loans over such a comparatively short period, and the rate of interest is so high, that their help does little or nothing to ease the problem.

I suggest that the time has arrived when the Local Government Department should seriously tackle this problem, and unless the Government provides the local authorities with a much more substantial subsidy than is at present available or, alternatively, allow contractors an economic subsidy when they engage in building houses of the type I have in mind, the salaried classes have no prospect of obtaining houses for another decade or two at the rate things are moving.—Signed,

THOMAS O'LOUGHLIN, 11 Robert Street, Limerick, 9th December, 1947.

## FOUND DEAD IN BED

Mr. Patrick Heaphy, an unmarried man, aged about 50 years, farmer, living at Herbertstown, Knocklong, was found dead in bed in the Commercial House, Catherine Street, this morning. An inquest was not deemed necessary, as death was certified to be due to natural causes.

As the deceased did not report for breakfast, a maid went to call him, and receiving no reply, she entered the room, to find him dead in bed.

had acted foolishly in allowing in the two men, and he would impose a fine of 10/- on the publican for opening the premises during prohibited hours and fine each of the men 2/6.

was allowed to drift out in the market to 11/4 and thus amply rewarded the punters for their "pot-shot." Strange as it would seem, Plum Jam was followed past the post by Apricot. This ensured the "plum" of the meeting being brought to "fruition," and everyone had jam on it.

## DIED IN U.S.A.

The deaths of two members of well-known local families in the U.S.A. are reported (writes our Dromcollogher correspondent). Mr. D. Ryan, a native of Ballinlongig, died at an advanced age, while Mr. D. Buckley, formerly of Woodfield, died at a comparatively early age. Both were well-known in the locality and their deaths are deeply regretted.

## BANKS DISPUTE OVER

Our Dublin correspondent wires— It was learned in Dublin to-day that 96 per cent. of the bank officials have voted in favour of accepting the terms of the draft agreement drawn up between the representatives of the officials and the representatives of the Banks' Standing Committee.

## FIANNA FAIL CONVENTION

The Fianna Fail Convention, which was to be held in St. Mary's Hall, Limerick, next Saturday, has been postponed to a date to be fixed later. Due notice will be given of the Convention, which will be presided over by a member of the Government.