

## NO AUDIENCE IN COURT

For the first time in years writes our Ennis correspondent) there was no audience present at Ennistymon District Court this week, when the business was concluded in a few minutes. There were only five summonses for minor lighting offences; hence the absence of spectators. District Justice Hurley imposed fines ranging from 2/- to 5/-.

## DOCKERS GO BACK

Twelve thousand dock workers who went on strike recently in Hamburg because of food shortage returned to work this morning. Union leaders urged them to go back, as a hold-up would stop vital food supplies from being shipped to Germany.

Tram workers in Munich went on strike as a result of cuts in the food rations.

## GERMAN PRISONERS RELEASE

All remaining German prisoners of war in British captivity—about 10,000—are expected to be released in August next, the British Control Commission announced yesterday. More than 220,000 German prisoners of war returned to Germany from Britain during 1947, the announcement added.

## BOMB IN BROWN PAPER

Two Arabs and one British policeman were injured when a bomb wrapped in brown paper was thrown down a street in Jerusalem. The attack caused the sounding of sirens in the Holy City after many weeks.

## CHARLEVILLE GETS COAL SUPPLY

Charleville fuel merchants received a supply of American coal some days ago and there is a brisk demand for same by the public. The price charged locally is 7/10 per ton.

## M.O.H. FOR RINEANNA.

The Clare County Council has been informed by the Department of Industry and Commerce that Dr. William Flynn, of North Circular Road, Dublin, has been appointed Medical Officer at Shannon Airport.

## DARE NEW CINEMA HALL

The New Cinema Hall, Adare, was opened during the past week (writes Adare correspondent). It was packed each night to its fullest

## NUMBER OF VOTERS.

The number of voters in the East Limerick Constituency is 49,565, and that in the West Limerick Constituency, 35,766.

## FARMER'S DEATH

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## SUDDEN COLLAPSE IN KITCHEN

Daniel O'Brien (62), farmer, of Drewscourt, Rathluirc, collapsed in the kitchen of his residence, after having attended to his ordinary daily duties on the farm, and died shortly afterwards.

He had been in his usual health up to the time of his fatal collapse, and his tragic death has caused a profound shock to his many friends in West Limerick and North Cork.

An inquest was not deemed necessary.

## MAROONED UPSTAIRS BY FLOODS

The torrential downpour of Saturday and Sunday last had very unpleasant consequences for the people of Croom who live near the river Maigue. Many families in Bridge Street were marooned upstairs in their homes early on Sunday, their ground floors being covered to heights varying from two feet to six inches. The waters continued to rise until some time after midnight, but by Monday morning they had appreciably subsided, though still retaining forcible possession of the houses. By Monday night only the damp and discomfort of the flooding were in evidence.

## BISHOP'S VISITATION TO NEWCASTLE WEST

Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop of Limerick, will pay his first triennial visit to Newcastle West parish during this year, when he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a number of children.

In making the announcement at early Mass on Sunday, Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G., appealed to parents to ensure the regular attendance of their children at school during the interval so that they would be fully proficient in Christian Doctrine on the occasion of his Lordship's visitation.

## RINGED PLOVER SHOT

the Probation of Offenders Moloney also had been charged and was acquitted. Long was brought to court on a criminal charge **HAD SOME DRINK TA** Appealing for leniency on behalf of Daly, Mr. D. J. O'Malley said that his client's trouble was that he had some drink taken on the occasion of the offences. For Moloney, Mr. M. B. O'Solr., also appealed for leniency. His client, he said, had been in the R.A.F. during the war and was the most satisfactory discipline possible. Unfortunately he is now unemployed and was in a state of the dole. Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solicitor, defended Long, said that the defendant was the best of a kind. His family history was a satisfactory one, his father being in England for a long number of years. Hence he didn't have the supervision necessary during his extreme youth. His trouble was that he became mixed up with "old hands" at crime. For Woods, Mr. Martin O'Solr., solicitor, who defended, said that his client's father also was in the land and, accordingly, there was the absence of proper parental control. Up to the time of the commission of the offences he had been in good employment with a butcher and then got into the hands of Daly.

**"MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM"** Commenting on the charges, Justice said the case was a sad one because it indicated without doubt that the main problem Limerick had to face was the amount of crime among its idle citizens. Crimes of the type illustrated there that day had to far more serious lawlessness involving Limerick boys in some instances. Most of these crimes were due to the consumption of alcohol and the absence of proper parental control. "It is the most serious problem there is here in Limerick," he continued, "and which cannot be passed over because public property has not been adequately protected."

## ALL SENT TO JAIL.

Daly and Woods were sentenced to three months imprisonment each with hard labour; Moloney and Long were sent to jail for one month, and each of the four defendants was ordered to pay a fine of 1/- and £1 5s. 4d. compensation for the malicious damage they had done to the premises brought into.

## CHARLEVILLE HOUSING SCHEME

The local housing scheme is in the limelight.