

**LICENSED TRADE**

**Position In Limerick**

**THE RECENT BUDGET TAXES**

The difficulty which members of the licensed trade in Limerick had in trying to make ends meet since last October, because of the impositions of the Supplementary Budget, was stressed at the annual general meeting of the Limerick Licensed Trade Association, held in the Catholic Institute, Limerick, on Monday evening.

The outgoing Chairman (Mr. L. Ryan) opened the proceedings by referring to the minutes of the numerous extraordinary general meetings held during the past year. Never, at any time, he said, although the trade was itself endeavouring to get an increase of a halfpenny per pint for stout, did he anticipate that customers would have to pay over a shilling a pint for the commodity. He dealt with the usefulness of the business done by the Association's many deputations during the year to two Departments in Dublin, and said that the trade could well be satisfied with the work done during the past twelve months by its Executive Committee.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

In his annual report, the Secretary (Mr. E. J. Locke) said that the entire year under review had been a most difficult one for the trade. They had first been affected by the cutting in their allocation of stout in March, the time of the year when most supplies were necessary. The Association had many conferences with the Department of Industry and Commerce in an endeavour to increase the price of stout to 1/- per pint and, in June, they received permission to increase the price by a halfpenny in the pint. The membership of the Association had been further increased during the year and now stood at 129.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. R. D. O'Brien) said in his annual report that the financial position of the Association was sound.

The election of officers and of a committee was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. P. Gleeson; Vice-Chairman, Mr. T. Mullaigh; Secretary, Mr. Locke; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. D. O'Brien. Committee—Mrs. E. Clohesy, Mrs. M. J. Ryan and Messrs. D. O'Driscoll, D. Enright, A. McCarthy, T. F. Murphy, M. Halpin, T. Humphries, P. M. Quilty, L. Ryan, G. O'Brien, M. Gleeson and M. Hishon.

**RENEWAL OF PROTEST**

After the elected officers had returned formal thanks, Mr. O'Brien (Treasurer) said he thought that was an appropriate time to renew their protest against what he called the unjust and excessive duties placed on the shoulders of the trade by the Supplementary Budget last October. The Budget had affected the livelihood of every one of the members very badly and he felt sure there were many traders in the city who were finding it difficult at the time to make ends meet. It was unfair of any native Government to over-burden any particular section of the community, or any special type of trade—like the publicans and the cinemas in this instance—even for the general good of the community. Taxation should be as evenly distributed as were amenities, and he now proposed that the trade in Limerick, represented by that Association, should renew its protest against the Budget in the appropriate quarters.

The proposition was unanimously adopted.

Mr. McCarthy proposed an addition to Mr. O'Brien's resolution to the effect that a special telegram, along the lines of Mr. O'Brien's proposition, be sent to all Deputies representing the Limerick area when the Dail met on Wednesday (to-day).

This proposition was adjourned for consideration later by the Committee.

**VERY FEW PRICE-CUTTERS**

Mr. O'Driscoll thanked all members of the Association for having so loyally adhered to the prices fixed by the Association at the different meetings. This had been

**WOMAN DROWNED**

**Trying To Extinguish**

**Flames**

**WEST LIMERICK TRAGEDY**

Early on Friday morning, February 13th, Mrs. Joseph Giltenane, a farmer's wife, 42 years of age, living at Clough, Rathkeale, met her death under most tragic circumstances (writes our Rathkeale correspondent). She had the awful experience of dying from burns and drowning. It would seem that when her clothing caught fire from a primus she had lighting in the kitchen, she ran to a cement water tank, 4½ feet deep, located a short distance away in the farmyard, and got drowned in an effort to extinguish the flames.

**DREADFUL SHOCK**

Her husband, who was in a room in the residence at the time, heard no cries of alarm, but when he came to the kitchen and found the primus lighting and his wife missing he went to the yard in search of her. Noticing part of a garment floating on the water in the tank, which was full, he went towards it and got a dreadful shock when he saw the dead body of his wife lying at the bottom. With the assistance of Michael Kett, a farm labourer, he removed the body from the tank.

**EVIDENCE AT INQUEST**

At an inquest held by Coroner Michael Cussen, solicitor, later in the day, Dr. E. O'Donnell, Rathkeale, who made a post mortem examination, stated that death was due to asphyxia caused by drowning following shock from extensive burns on her body. He added that he was satisfied she would not recover from the burns. A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was given by the Coroner and jury.

Supt. J. J. Cooney, representing the Gardai, joined with the Coroner and jury in expressing very deep sympathy with the husband and his young family and relatives in their sad bereavement.

**GLOOM OVER THE LOCALITY**

Mrs. Giltenane was the mother of five children, ranging in ages from two to ten years. Her tragic death has cast a terrible gloom over the locality, where herself and her husband have been held in the highest esteem by all sections of the community.

**WIDESPREAD REGRET**

It is only very rarely that one witnesses such sincere and widespread regret as was experienced when the public learned of the tragic death of Mrs. Giltenane. Deceased and her husband, who is an industrious farmer, belonged to highly respected families, and both were very popular with all sections of the public in their own and adjoining parishes. What makes the fatal accident especially sad is the fact that the husband is left with a family, all of tender ages, to mourn the loss of a loving partner.

The remains were brought to the parish church, Croagh, on Saturday evening, and the funeral took place to Askeaton on Sunday. On both occasions there was a huge concourse of people, testifying to the genuine sorrow of the public and the popularity of the deceased.

**LONG AND IMPRESSIVE**

**CORTEGE**  
The cortege that followed the remains to Askeaton was the longest and most impressive seen in the district during living memory.

The prayers at the graveside were read by Very Rev. T. Canon Murphy, P.P., assisted by Rev. D. O'Donnell, C.C.; Rev. Father O'Dea, C.C., and Rev. Father Connolly, C.C.—Go ndeana Dia trocaire ar a h-anam.

**THUMB INJURED**

**CLAIM AGAINST C.I.E.**

**FAILS**

An action for damages arising out of an alleged accident to a passenger

**'BUS ACCIDENT**

**Sequel At Circuit**

**Court**

**ACTION FOR £300**

An elderly man who was on his way home from Mass in St. Munchin's Church on a Sunday morning in May last, and alleged he was knocked down by a C.I.E. passenger 'bus near the corner of the Church, brought an action for £300 damages for personal injuries sustained against C.I.E. in the Limerick Circuit Court to-day before Judge Barra O Briain, S.C.

The plaintiff was Thomas Hurley, 1, Cash's Range, Thomondgate, for whom Mr. J. McMahon, B.L. (instructed by Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor), appeared.

Coras Iomhair Eireann were represented by Mr. Sean Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solicitor).

**PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE.**

Plaintiff, in evidence, said that he was 83 years and 11 months. He met with the accident on Whit Sunday, between 8.30 and 8.45 a.m., after coming from Mass in St. Munchin's. Witness turned to the left after coming to the corner of St. Munchin's Church, and had walked along the path for eleven feet round the corner when he stepped off the footpath. He had one foot at the time on the path and another in the "channel." Witness looked round for traffic, and the next thing that happened he was knocked down by the back (near the step) of the 'bus. Witness was struck on the right of the back and fell on the footpath, though his foot was on the road. Nobody came back out of the 'bus to him. Witness was then confined at home for a couple of days before going to hospital. He was always very healthy, and was healthy to-day, though he could not move too well.

Cross-examined, plaintiff denied he had ever said that he did not know if it were a 'bus that struck him.

Mary Finn, aged 15 years, stated that as she was returning from Mass she saw a man partially lying on the footpath in front of the 'bus.

**FRACTURED HIP.**

Dr. A. Humphreys, R.M.O., City Home and Hospital, stated that the plaintiff sustained a fractured hip, and as a result there was now some shortening of the leg.

A boy named Crawford stated that he saw the plaintiff put his foot on to the road from the footpath; the next moment Hurley was struck by the 'bus.

For the defence, Christopher Conway, the driver of the 'bus, stated that he saw a man walk off the footpath. The man, when he saw the 'bus, returned to the footpath and, in so doing, tripped and fell. Plaintiff was then two lengths of the 'bus away.

After the luncheon interval, Mr. McMahon asked that the date of the civil bill be amended to the 25th May.

There being no objection, the Judge granted the application.

**CONDUCTOR'S EVIDENCE.**

Daniel Macaulay, conductor of the 'bus, said that after passing the corner he noticed the man falling near the kerb. The back of the 'bus did not strike anyone.

Cross-examined by Mr. McMahon—Witness said the 'bus was a double-decker and he was standing on the platform of the 'bus.

Mr. Kenny submitted that if the accident so occurred the front of the 'bus would probably have finished in the grounds of St. Munchin's Church.

Mr. McMahon contended that if his Lordship accepted the plaintiff's evidence his client would be entitled to damages.

**ACTION DISMISSED.**

The Judge, in giving his decision, said that the case turned on the view of contributory negligence. The plaintiff stepped from the kerb and saw the 'bus some distance away and that the

**NEW TAOISEACH**

**Dail's Decision**

**MR. COSTELLO ELECTED**

Leinster House was crowded this afternoon for the assembling of the thirteenth Dail. There was a tense atmosphere of excitement as deputies filed into the Chamber. Hundreds of visitors were unable to gain admission.

Mr. de Valera and his Ministers occupied the Government benches, as usual, while General Mulcahy led the Opposition.

Mr. Frank Fahy was unanimously re-elected Ceann Comhairle.

The first deputies to arrive at Leinster House were General Mulcahy, Mr. D. Morrissey and Mr. Liam Cosgrave. They went immediately to their Committee Room, where they were later joined by Mr. Costello. Other early arrivals were Deputy Dillon, Deputy MacBride and Deputy Norton.

The Fianna Fail Ministers spent the morning in their respective Departments. They collected personal belongings.

The Dail proceedings were opened with prayer at 3 o'clock by Mr. O'Connell, Chief Clerk.

The President and Mrs. O'Kelly, as well as the members of the Oireachtas, attended Votive Mass in the Pro-Cathedral at 10 o'clock. The President arrived in an open landau. The Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid, presided at the Mass.

The first business transacted by the Dail was the election of the Ceann Comhairle, and this occupied only a few minutes, as Mr. Frank Fahy was unanimously re-elected.

**THE OFFICE OF TAOISEACH.**

For the office of Taoiseach, Mr. de Valera was proposed by Mr. G. Bartley (F.F.), Galway, and seconded by Mr. D. O'Briain (F.F.), Limerick, who spoke in Irish.

General Mulcahy (F.G.) then rose and proposed the election of Mr. J. A. Costello (F.G.)

Mr. Norton (Lab.) seconded the nomination of Mr. Costello.

**THE DIVISION.**

**ON A DIVISION MR. DE VALERA WAS DEFEATED BY 75 VOTES TO 70, AND MR. COSTELLO WAS ELECTED BY THE SAME VOTE.**

**ACTION IN BRUFF**

**TOWARDS GETTING E.S.B. CURRENT**

There was a very large attendance of farmers and others at a public meeting held in the Hall, Bruff, under the auspices of the Bruff Parish Council, for the purpose of discussing the rural electrification scheme.

Rev. J. Carroll, C.C., Chairman, Parish Council, in an address to the meeting, explained the scheme and the steps that needed to be taken to have it put into operation. He pointed out that it would be necessary to canvass the entire area and that all residents in the area should, if possible, agree to instal the electricity. Full co-operation was necessary if their efforts to have the scheme installed in Bruff area were to be successful. He pointed to the im-

**COLLEGE PLA**

**Score Another**

**Success**

**EXCELLENT PRODU**

The College Players forth with yet another when, at The Playhouse day night, they started run of "The Black Strat Gerard Healy. A three-act serves to recount some of penings of the famine p 1847. It is not an easy present on the stage an at of a century ago. Bol College Players attempt it, their latest presentation, n as one of their most ambi

There is not anything in to suggest giving the stager a headache. The furnishings are few. Yet, a lot in the script to give ducer something to think o it is not an easy matter to the interpretation that nat listic touch. From start the play is enshrouded, as in gloom. It could not b wise. The entire proceed permeated with sorrow, a practically incumbent on f ers to make the audience. Therefore, a very high d acting is called for. Cert the first night the majori cast did very well in their ments. It was a good, being a brilliant, study of the hardships the people endure in that critical e- ellent and dramatic, in the entrances and exits players. One noteworthy f the splendid interpretation individual's lines, and it eared that ears were never for cues. These were the features.

**HOW THEY ACTED**

Not so pleasing was the of some of the characters. depiction of Patrick C (by Ciaran Cox) was spoiled different facial make-up. the back of the auditorium too young in appearance. it may have been so ineffective lighting. With Mr. Cox gave a ver portrayal. Mrs. Madge seldom fails to satisfy, and again appropriately cast imperturbable "Mrs. Kate ran." This was a confid- convincing characterisation, at times the emotional str indulged in too liberally.

As the 70 years old of "Peter McCarthy," Mr. O'Kelly created a fine imp but would have been ever successful had he not spo fast in the early stages. Th his years. It was a grand mance nevertheless, showi more what a fine all-round Mr. O'Kelly is. The big suc Monday night, however, w Michael O'Riordan, as "Sea showed marked ability in with an intricate part. Hi culations in the last act were It was altogether a sparkling

Mr. T. E. O'Donnell prove self another very able ch He gave a smooth depict "Michael Corcoran." One h to listen to the applause followed some of his ex know that the audience high estimation of his As "Bridie McCarthy," Ethain O'Brien gave a s- ful and admirable perform had not as much scope as wa to her in previous product shine out. As a newcomer Playhouse, Miss Hilda Lenno a stirring debut. As "McCarthy" she made a success. The brothers Cy Eddie Gallivan also play parts well, and Eddie C should go on improving experience.

Generally, the positioning stage was to be admired, a expressions of sadness—when required—on the faces of s the characters, as each act also impressed. The writer i to say that the lighting w perfect, as evidenced by t