

November, 1947, Michael Carey, of Glenaree, Knocklong, did unlawfully purchase ten stone of flour from John Heelan, with whom he was not a registered flour customer.

Mr. W. A. Lee, solicitor for the defence, admitted the offence.

A fine of 20/-, with 22/- expenses, was imposed.

THE PEOPLE'S PARK

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Sir — By taking five steps from the main gate of the People's Park, on the Pery Street side, the following inscription will be seen: "The first sod of this park, in memory of the late Richard Russell, Esq., was raised on Monday, the 26th October, 1874, by the Right Worshipful J. J. Cleary, Mayor, in the third year of his Mayoralty. William Barrington, M. Inst., C.E. Engineer. P. McMahon." Now on enquiry I found P. McMahon was the contractor and then lived at 33 Nicholas Street, Limerick. It was he who was responsible for the base blocking stones from which the railings were set in. His name had a narrow escape from being sunk below the footpath just like the name of the contractor who erected the Tait Clock Memorial, John Connolly, Upper Carey's Road, Limerick. It occurred when the laying of the road took place. No attention was paid; hence the name was covered. I remember the making of some of the banks in the People's Park. Those banks were raised by the mud of the roads of the city and carried there by the tumbling carts.

Yours sincerely,

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DAMAGE BY LIGHTNING AT DROMCOLLOGHER

On Saturday last Dromcollogher experienced a very severe thunderstorm (writes our Dromcollogher correspondent). Vivid flashes of lightning destroyed three E.S.B. poles and the town was without current from 4 p.m. on Saturday to mid-day on Sunday. Telephonic communication was completely cut off and many telephones were damaged.

Though there was a big list of cases for hearing at the Limerick Civil Bill Court on Monday last, a strange feature of the proceedings was that all the civil bill claims and ejectments, due to be defended, were adjourned to the next sitting of the Court on June 7th.

One solicitor appearing in a few of the cases was unable to attend the court and, accordingly, adjournments were granted. Other solicitors asked for adjournments on the grounds that settlements were pending; while the absence of a chief witness was the reason assigned for having one particular case left over until the next Civil Bill Court.

District Justice D. F. Gleeson said he deplored the fact that there were so many applications for adjournment of cases, and pointed out that he was granting adjournments peremptorily. Whether solicitors or witnesses in the cases were absent or not at the next sitting of the Court, the cases would go on.

The Justice remarked that the list at the next Civil Bill Court might take two days to discharge, considering the number of adjournments at that sitting.

SHANNON RESCUE

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RECALLED BY RECENT DEATH

The death of Mr. Michael Adams, Glin, who passed away some days ago, recalls a thrilling rescue from the Shannon many years back.

When a very young boy, over 30 years ago, (writes our Glin correspondent) deceased saved the lives of five children who got into a boat at Glin Pier and were drifting helplessly down the Shannon. The cries of the children attracted people to the Pier. Young Adams swam a considerable distance out to the boat and on getting into it brought the children safely to the shore. Your then Glin correspondent, the late James Moloney, got from the Royal Humane Society a valuable reward for the boy for his bravery.

Deceased was first cousin of Messrs. Michael and John Adams, garage owners, Glin, members of an old Glin family.

of her services to the cause. That was before marriage to Major MacBride was executed for the part he took in the 1916 Rising. A lady of erudition, charm of manner, a gifted public speaker, Mr. MacBride has hosts of friends in Limerick.



A GRIEVANCE.

Many people, after the cinema on Monday night, had to trudge in a drenching downpour for the 'bus service available was insufficient to accommodate those seeking passage. The 'bus conductors adhered rigidly to regulations governing the number of passengers, with the result that disappointed people were left with nothing but a happy frame of mind. Could not C.I.E. have taken some measures to accommodate the people by providing an extra 'bus? After all, a public service, to be of any real use, must be able to cope with an emergency.



SERIOUS HARDSHIP.

A serious hardship is being inflicted on many citizens in consequence of the suspension of the operation of the Small Debts Act. The suspension is automatic by reason of the fact that arrears in respect of repayments of instalments on loans advanced to borrowers, exceeded the prescribed penny rate in a particular year. That year happened to be 1937 as the suspension lasts for five years. The Act will not operate in Limerick until 1st April. This hold up, as already stated, had serious repercussions on those desirous of getting loans either to build or purchase houses for their own use. In the future, those charged with the responsibility of administering the Act should see that it never again will be deprived of the advantage of this important social enactment.