

der." That infamy was decided upon and implemented by Britain for a despicable political purpose. Its introduction was an appalling crime against the Irish people and its maintenance to this day is continuing aggression. These are essential and bed-rock points that must always be borne in mind, especially in view of the nonsense that is being written and spoken in some quarters of late in connection with what is really a very plain and simple issue.

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Partition is not an Irish question in the sense some people would have us believe. It is simply a British crime against Ireland, and it is from that particular standpoint it is to be considered. No matter how well-meaning they may be, suggestions that we should try to coax in the recalcitrants of the North or bring them in by creating more favourable conditions here than they have at present are not merely absurd but positively harmful. They are simply calculated to stiffen the backs of those who wish to retain their entrenched position of privilege under the Stormont Parliament.

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The Border will go only when Britain decides to receive it. If that country did the right thing to-morrow morning we would at once have a United Ireland without a moment's trouble. Either she is entitled to her territory as defined naturally by the sea and by a long history or she is not. She is so entitled—and who is God's name can logically say that she is not?—where is Britain's justification in sending her armed troops in defiance of our counties in defiance of our national will? Partition is not something to be settled by Irishmen amongst themselves, as certain defenders of the status quo would like us to believe. The responsibility for it rests exclusively on the Westminster Government and nothing should be done to keep that fact hidden as prominently as possible to the world at large.

the Council unanimously decided to accept the offer.

NEW PARISH ANNUAL

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"ST. MUNCHIN FOLK"

The launching of a parish annual is an ambitious venture and we consider that Limerick people will feel grateful for the occasion that called for the issue of "St. Munchin's Folk." Besides the usual church notices and the statement on the position of the new Church Building Fund, there are papers that have an interest for the Limerick public generally.

Dr. Richard Hayes writes with a scholar's enthusiasm on the picturesque Sylvester O'Halloran, an outstanding figure in eighteenth century Ireland. Founder of the Limerick Infirmary, a surgeon and historian of note, he rests in Killeely churchyard where a tablet in his erudite Latin recalls the wife and children who predeceased him.

Dermot Gleeson has a congenial subject in Father John Kenyon, the Young Ireland priest born in Thomondgate. He worked in Killaloe diocese where John Mitchel and John Martin were often his guests in the presbytery at Templeberry. A contemporary picture of the three Johns is reproduced in the essay.

The parish priest has set himself a task in detection when he seeks to come to close quarters with the elusive patron of his parish and of Limerick diocese. No reviewer must spoil the secret of a thriller, but he may suggest that if the mystery of St. Munchin is not finally dispelled at least the veil is visibly shaken. How near little children can get to their parish patron is revealed in a pleasant fantasy by Aileen O'Brien—a name new to Limerick but not to letters.

The Annual is printed and published in Limerick, and its format is worthy of the contents. It will be on sale at Shannon Carnival, which opens at Belfield, Ennis Road, on Friday evening, May 14th.

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LIMERICK BOY'S SUCCESS

In the Boys' Solo Singing Competition at the Feis Ceoil, Dublin, to-day, a Limerick boy, Patrick Ring, C.B.S., St. Michael's Place, was awarded second place with 86 marks. He was beaten for first place by one mark only.

There were 34 entries for the competition.

DEATH.

COLLINS—May 12th, 1948, at St. John's Hospital, Birdie, beloved wife of Timothy Collins, San Antonia, S.C. Road, and 40 Patrick Street; very deeply regretted by her loving husband, family and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock. Solemn Requiem Mass to-morrow (Thurs.), at 10.30. Funeral same day at 3 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery

increased according to the quality of the milk. There was no previous conviction of this kind against the defendant.

The Justice dismissed the prosecution under the Probation of Offenders Act, ordering the defendant to pay 30/- expenses.

A THIRD CASE.

Also dismissed under the Probation Act was a similar prosecution against Mary Kate Whelan, Ballyvana.

Mr. O'Sullivan appeared for the Co. Council and Mr. Dundon defended.

Guard McHugh gave evidence of having sent samples of the defendant's milk to the Public Analyst, who certified that the milk was 4.1 deficient in fats and 13 per cent. deficient in solids.

After Mr. Dundon had again remarked on the uselessness to the defendant of supplying poor milk to the creamery, the Justice applied the Probation Act, ordering the defendant to pay 30/- expenses.

A LIMERICK WIN

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IN RADIO EIREANN "QUIZ"

The "Musical Quiz" which is a popular feature of Radio Eireann programmes on Tuesday nights brought teams representing Limerick and Dublin to the "mike" last night. The Limerick team, who comprised Miss Maureen O'Donovan-Reid and Messrs. Johnny McMahon (well-known local dance band leader) and Pat O'Connor, beat the metropolitans by 28 points to 20. Mr. Eamon Andrews figured as comper for the Limerick trio.

The Limerick team operated from a room in the Savoy Cinema, Limerick, and were connected up with their rivals, who appeared in the Radio Eireann Studio, Dublin. Many interesting questions generally appertaining to music and musicians were given to the members of both teams, and a very enjoyable half an hour's entertainment was provided for listeners.

Last week Dublin met Cork in this novelty question time. On Tuesday night next Dublin will be in opposition to Carlow, and Sligo will be their opponents on the following Tuesday night.

NEW OFFICE

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ASSISTANT CITY SURVEYOR

The City Manager (Mr. M. Macken, B.A.), acting on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, has appointed Mr. Michael Greene, B.E., Strokestown, Mullingar, Assistant City Surveyor at an initial salary of £550, rising by annual increments of £20 to a maximum of £750. The position is whole-time, permanent and pensionable.

SHANNON CARNIVAL

Shannon Carnival, Belfield House, will be officially opened on Friday, May 14th, by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. P. O'Connell), who will be driven in state from the City Hall, accompanied by Mr. P. E. O'Malley, Chairman, Carnival Committee, at 8 p.m.

Killaloe (writes our correspondent). At 7 a.m. it was noticed members from the country were first from evening devotion not an absentee.

The Retreat was closed on Saturday, and the annual consecration took place.

Very Rev. Canon O.V.F. conducted the ceremonies.

The procession around the Grounds, the singing of hymns to Mary, God, and the Rosary Grotto have become a something without month of May would its charm—a beautiful and a worthy tribute to Lady.

Following the consecration members of the Sodality annual picnic in the Grounds. The reunion is popular and provides a break for old and young members finding just pleasure in the social in do the juveniles.

The very pleasant afternoon with cordial votes of the Father Kevin, O.F.M.; Canon O'Molloy, and Lelia and the Community.

LOSS OF HUMANITY

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AWARD TO LIMERICK WOMAN

The bursting of a boiler at Dock Road premises of Francis Spaight & Sons, result of which Thomas Sexton St., Limerick, fatal injuries on May 27, recalled in the High Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Haugh.

Mrs. Nellie Downey brought an action for damages against the Company for the death of her husband. The judgment was formed by counsel that she had been arrived at by the parties, and he made a ruling that the settlement provided for the payment of £1,900 and costs. Mr. Justice Haugh ordered £1,300 of the sum to the widow for 12 months and Mary Geraldine Downey.

FOREIGN GOODS STOPPAGE OF IMPORTS URGED

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A special meeting of the Limerick Branch of the Workers' Union of Ireland, held on Saturday, May 14th, proposed by Mr. T. Lowry, unanimously: "That the Government be called on to take steps and enquire into the matter of foreign footwear, screws which is causing unemployment in our city and other parts of the country. Our workers should seek once more the Government to stop the emigrant ship if it is not stopped immediately." Byrne, Secretary.