

BUTTER AND MILK PRICES

Minister And Co. Limerick Committee

INVITATION AGAIN DECLINED

Novel Form Of Subsidy Suggested

If the farmers and the others throughout the country who could afford it were asked to pay the full economic price for butter, the purchase of butter by the poor could be subsidised at no cost to the general taxpayer, and the production cost difficulties of the dairy farmers would be overcome, declared Mr. J. W. Carty, C.O.C., during a discussion at Saturday's meeting of the Co. Limerick Committee of Agriculture on a letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, stating that the Minister regretted that, owing to pressure of public business he was again compelled to decline the Committee's invitation to attend one of its meetings to discuss with the members the price of milk. The letter added that the Minister would sympathetically consider a statement on that subject if submitted to him.

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CORONERS' SALARIES

INCREASE GRANTED IN CLARE

Three Clare coroners—Dr. J. H. Counihan, Ennis; Dr. M. J. Hillery, Milltown-Malbay, and Dr. S. Scanlon, Tulla—are to receive an increase of £10 on the existing salary of £10 each per year. This increase was granted by the Clare Co. Council following a letter received from the Department of Justice recommending a review of the coroners' salaries.

Dr. Counihan attended the meeting and acted as spokesman for the coroners. He said he had been appointed to the post of coroner for the county of Clare for 25 years and never received an increase of salary, despite the fact that expenses had increased considerably.

He considered that the Clare coroners discharged their duties well and with tact, courtesy and efficiency.

Jeremiah Dunworth, man, Ballinleean, brother of the deceased, said that on Saturday, 27th March, he met his brother in Sheehy's grocery and bar, at 3.15 p.m. Deceased asked witness to have a drink and as a result of this invitation they had one drink apiece. When witness later left, deceased was sober, although he might have had a few drinks. Witness next met his brother on the following Sunday in the same place.

On the road at this time, he fell down and his hit the ground. His legs went from under him and he fell back on his back. I went to him up and a crowd came on them and we took him over to the ruins of the old hotel. I never saw him get out with Jim Dunworth in my life; I have no spite against him.

Mr. Dore—We are not looking for a subsidy.

Mr. Madden—Of course it would make a subsidy.

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trol and let the wealthier consumers pay.

Mr. D. P. Quish—Let the different types of consumers be segregated.

Mr. Dore—Let the Minister come down here and hear the views of the Committee, who will satisfy him that this increase can be brought about without a subsidy.

SUGGESTED DEPUTATION.

Mr. Quish said that if the Minister could not see his way to come to Limerick, he should meet a deputation from the Committee.

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Mr. Carty proposed that the Committee, requesting Mr. Madden to ask the Minister to come to Limerick, would be better than appointing a deputation. He thought that the Committee's third invitation would be successful.

Mr. P. Maguire, C.O.C., said that Limerick was responsible for the cattle condition of the entire country as well as for the production of butter. It was ridiculous, from the point of view of the importance of Limerick in every phase of the country's agricultural economy, that the Minister should refuse the Committee's invitation. He should meet the Committee and bear their case for an increased price for milk.

The following deputation was appointed to meet the Minister if he again refused to come to Limerick—Messrs. Carty, Maguire, R. M. Cleary, Lillis, Dore, McNamee and P. Ryan.

QUESTION OF SUBSIDY FOR FOOG.

Continuing, Mr. Carty said that at no time during discussions on the dairy industry did he suggest that an increase in the price of milk should be subsidised by the general taxpayer. A great pre-

FALL ON ROAD

Sequel To Incident At Croom

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

The taking of depositions was resumed and completed at a special sitting of Croom Court on Tuesday last, before Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L.J. in the case in which Patrick Kiely, St. Senan's Terrace, Croom, is charged with the manslaughter of James Dunworth (67), Kingsland, Croom.

Kiely is charged with assaulting Dunworth, who, it is alleged, fell to the ground as a result of a blow on the mouth by the accused, fracturing the base of his skull, as a result of which he died some days later.

Sgt. William Hurley, Croom, deposed that as a result of a complaint received on March 27th last, he visited the yard of Mrs. Mary Sheehy's licensed premises, where he found deceased sitting in a toilet, apparently dazed. Asked by witness what had occurred, deceased said he didn't know, but said he had been struck. He further told witness that he didn't know by whom he was struck.

Witness went on to say that he noticed an abrasion on deceased's upper lip and there was blood around his mouth. There was also some blood on Dunworth's nose and eyebrows and a small cut on the back of his skull.

Witness had deceased removed to hospital immediately, where he died on April 2nd.

Deceased was on March 26th, accused, after the usual caution, and made a statement as follows:

STATEMENT BY ACCUSED.

"In or about 3.30 on Saturday evening, March 27th I was talking to Mrs. Mary Dennehy, of Bridge Street, Croom, on the footpath near the bookie's office in Bridge Street. Jerry Lucy, Dillas, was standing alongside me. Jim Dunworth passed down. He came from the direction of Sheehy's public house. When he was passing, I said, 'Hello, Jim.' He didn't say anything. He went as far as D. B. O'Donnell's public house down the street. He was talking there to Sheehan, who, I think, is a relation of his. He was more or less facing towards the cross at Sheehy's public house."

"The next thing I found was I got a blow on the face. I didn't know what happened at first until I looked up and saw Jim Dunworth standing in front of me. He struck me on each cheek with his hands. He then put his hands around my neck and pulled me out towards the end of the footpath just as I was striking him. He said, 'You had a lot of talk below, too.' I don't know what he meant by that. I had been working in the same shop as he—the building of the new houses in the Hospital road. I then hit Jim Dunworth with my closed fist on the mouth. He was standing on the road at this time. He fell down and his hit the ground. His legs went from under him and he fell back on his back. I went to him up and a crowd came on them and we took him over to the ruins of the old hotel. I never saw him get out with Jim Dunworth in my life; I have no spite against him."

Whatever you get, you deserve it," said Supt. Flynn and the defendant.

In his monthly report to the Committee, the C.E.O. said that there was an increase of 50 per cent. in the average attendances at day classes in the Committee's seven schools during the month. The following is the number of attendances at the respective schools during the month, with the figures for the corresponding period last year in brackets—Cappamore, 28 (34); Croom, 7 (10); Dromcollogher, 20 (12); Hospital 34 (24); Killinane, 21 (13); Newcastle West, 67 (51); Shanagolden, 29 (18).

The C.E.O. said "less attendances at the day class" could be regarded as very satisfactory. Some of the night classes both in the Committee's schools and in thirty outside centres showed a decrease during the month.

Witness examined the deceased, who had been removed to the hospital.

The Coroner's inquest sat at 9 p.m. on Sunday night. A motor cycle with two people on it approached from the direction of Foyes.

It was being driven by Thomas Carmody and the deceased was riding behind. He thought the machine was travelling at about 55 m.p.h. He saw it rounding the bend and did not seem to be in control. As it came to the bend the machine took a terrible sidle to the left kerb and skidded into it in the centre of the road.

It proceeded out of control,

to the right and witness saw it going back in the direction from which it came. The pillion rider was catapulted sideways off the machine. Witness ran to the scene and saw deceased lying on the side of the road by the grass margin.

Thomas Carmody was standing up on the centre of the road. Witness examined the deceased, who did not speak.

He was bleeding profusely from a wound on his chin and had other abrasions.

After the inquest deceased's pulse began to fail and he died on ten minutes later.

Cross-examined by Mr. McNamee, the witness said he judged the speed of the machine by its approach and the noise of the exhaust.

James Taylor, Woodliffe House, Loughill, brother of the deceased, gave evidence of identification. He saw his brother, who was 30 years of age, about fifteen minutes before the accident. He saw him on the road immediately after the accident. He was badly injured and died in about ten minutes.

Dr. Agnes Nolton, medical evidence, of performing a post-mortem examination on the deceased, who had a deep wound on the chin and a fracture of the cerebral vertebrae. Death was due to cardiac failure.

Sgt. T. McKeown, Glin, stated that he went to the scene of the accident on Sunday night. He spoke to Thomas Carmody, who told him that the motor cycle went out of control immediately after the accident. He was badly injured and died in about ten minutes.

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