

### PAYMENT BY FEES

### OBJECTION BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Opposing a motion at Clare County Council to appoint a mechanical engineer to supervise the Council's machinery, Mr. T. A. Gardiner adversely criticised the system of payment of officials by fees.

Speaking against the appointment of a mechanical engineer, Mr. Gardiner said that at every meeting Councillors were faced with a new financial plaster on the rates. When Mr. E. Blythe had been Minister for Finance he had brought in a law compelling all payments by Co. Councils to carry a 2d. stamp — invisible taxation, which resulted in a loss of £1,500 a year to the Clare ratepayers. On the Council staff they now had what was described as a "staff officer" who had to be paid £450 per year without the Council ever being consulted in regard to the appointment. They also had on the staff one clerk fully employed chasing through accounts and correspondence to ascertain who was entitled to one week's holidays and who was not. There was another clerk fully employed in sticking stamps to insurance cards. Why, he asked, did they pay rate collectors by poundage fees and why did they pay their solicitor by fees also. Why should the solicitor not be put on a salary basis the same as his predecessor. He understood that the remuneration of the Council's solicitor amounted to something in the neighbourhood of £2,500 per annum. Recently the Economy Committee of the Council decided to dispense with the services of three clerks acting as clerical assistants to the engineering staff, but the Co. Council, at the next meeting, reinstated them.

These, said Mr. Gardiner, were the matters that should engage the attention of the Council and not the making of new appointments. By 15 votes to 8 the Council rejected the motion to appoint the mechanical engineer.

### CORONERS' SALARIES

### INCREASE GRANTED IN CLARE

Three Clare coroners—Dr. J. H. Counihan, Ennis; Dr. M. J. Hillery, Miltown-Malbay, and Dr. S. Scanlon, Tulla—are to receive an increase of £10 on the existing salary of £100 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 coroner for 25 years and never got 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.

A £50 increase was proposed and seconded, but an amendment was moved that the increase be £10 only, and this was carried by 16 votes to 3.

### CLARE APPOINTMENTS.

Miss A. M. Gearty, a native of Roscommon, has been appointed supervising instructress in poultry-keeping and butter-making for Co. Clare by the Minister for Agriculture. The Minister has sanctioned the appointment of Mr. Seamus Hunt, Sligo, as Agricultural Instructor for Clare.

## FALL ON ROAD BULLY GETS JAIL

### Sequel To Incident At For Rowdy Conduct 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., D.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.

Sergt. 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 has 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.

Interviewed on March 30th, accused, after the usual caution, 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, Dullas, was standing alongside me. Jim Dunworth passed down. He came from the direction of Sheehy's public house. When he was passing, I said: 'Hallo, Jim.' He didn't say anything. He went as far as D. B. O'Donnell's public house door and 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 he was striking me, 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 job 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 poll hit the road. His two legs went from under him and he fell back on his back. I went to lift him up and a crowd came on then and we took him over to the ruins of the old hotel. I never had any falling out with Jim Dunworth in my life; I have no spite against him."

Jeremiah Dunworth, mason, Ballyneena, 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.

### "SCRAPPER OF THE CLAN"

When an itinerant named Michael Casey, aged 28, was charged before District Justice Hurley, at Ennis Court on Friday, with assaulting a farmer and refusing to leave licensed premises when requested to do so, he was described by Superintendent J. S. Flynn as "the scrapper of the Clan" and "a most dangerous man who pulled off his coat and shirt, when fighting, produced a knife and terrorised everybody when he entered a licensed premises."

The farmer in question was Peter Slattery and the accused, who was represented by Mr. J. M. Houlihan, solicitor, pleaded guilty.

### STRIPPED TO THE WAIST.

Supt. Flynn said the defendant entered the licensed premises of Mr. John O'Loughlin at Bunnow, Doora, and when refused drink stripped himself to the waist and beat Slattery, who was a decent inoffensive farmer and a much older man. He knocked Slattery to the floor and battered him severely, helped by some female members of the tribe. On a previous occasion defendant hit a man on the head with a bicycle and broke a Guard's finger and created consternation and terror in a public house at Bunratty. He had told Guard M. Boban, who arrested him, that he had about 12 pints of stout before entering O'Loughlin's. He took pride in being designated "the scrapper of the clan."

Dr. H. Bugler, M.O. Ennis, described Slattery's injuries and said that after the assault he had been suffering from shock and had been a very frightened and shook man.

### "A HABIT OF HIS."

Defendant said it was a habit of his to strip to the waist before fighting and he had lost his head on this occasion. He had got a lot of beatings for some time past and they affected his head. He had got a terrible beating at Clonmoney Races.

"Whatever you got, you deserved it," said Supt. Flynn, who asked defendant was it a favourite trick of his to strip to the waist before fighting and to produce a knife.

"Yes, I strip," replied defendant, "because I am a clean fighter, but I never use a weapon."

Accused was sentenced to four months imprisonment with hard labour.

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When witness later left, deceased was sober, although he might have had a few drinks. Witness next saw his brother on the following Sunday in hospital.

### INQUIRED FOR INJURED MAN.

Guard Cornelius P. Carr, Croom, deposed that on March 27th, on his way home from the Garda Station, he met accused, who asked him how deceased was. Witness replied that Dunworth had gone to hospital and said he wasn't aware of his condition. Asked by witness if he wished to make a statement, accused said he would first inquire about Dunworth condition and that he would later return to the station. Kiely actually didn't go to the Garda Station that evening.

This concluded the taking of depositions and the accused was returned for trial to the next sitting of the Circuit Court in Limerick, on his own bond of £50, with two sureties of £25 each.

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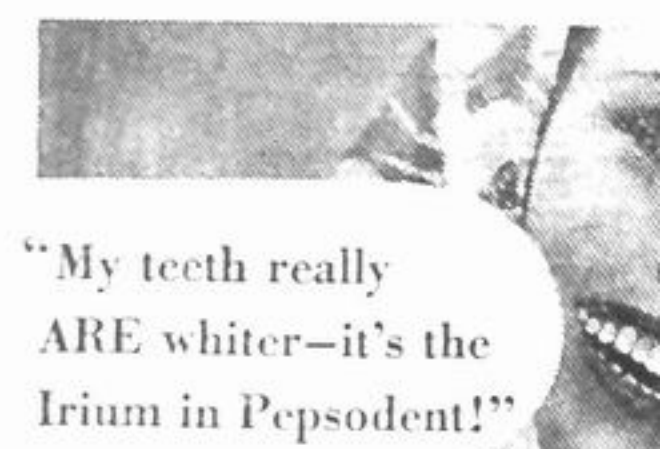
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