

## DAIL DEBATE

### Taoiseach's Speech

#### OPPOSITION CRITICISED

The Taoiseach (Mr. Costello), replying in the Dail to-day to the debate on the vote for his Department, criticised the Opposition for the attitude they had taken up.

The Taoiseach said that he had rarely listened during his period as a Deputy to a debate that had been conducted on such a low level as that on the vote for his Department. The Opposition showed an utter disregard for the general interest and welfare of the people. Almost every conceivable topic had been introduced into the debate—from cabbages and cheese to Republics and inflation. He would need to be a political Poo Bah to be able to deal fully and answer all the points raised.

Proceeding, the Taoiseach said that the low standard of the debate had been set by Deputy Lemass, who had referred to the Government as "This set-up" and wanted to know how long it was going to last. The speech of the Deputy was unworthy of any man with a sense of responsibility. The speech was devoid of anything in the nature of constructive criticism.

He would tell Deputy Lemass that not one member of the Government wanted to remain in office for power, place or patronage.

Earlier in the debate, Mr. O'Flanagan said that if Deputy McEntee was under the impression that there would be an early general election he might as well be whistling jigs to a tombstone.

## COUNTY HUNT

### PUPPY SHOW AT ADARE

The County Limerick Hunt Club held a very successful Puppy Show at the Kennels, Clonshire, Adare, on Saturday last. The number of puppies entered was much larger than for many years past.

Mrs. Alexander (Carlow Hunt) and Mr. E. Hallinan (Cork United Hunt) were the judges.

There were 53 puppies on show. The following were the successful winners:—

#### DOGS (27).

1st, Taunter, walked by Mr. J. Sparling, Mountbrown; 2nd, Ruler, walked by Mr. J. McNamara, Ballycahane; 3rd, Spanker, walked by Mr. Slattery, Riddlestown.

## HORSE FELL

### Driver Thrown On Road

#### SPINE FRACTURE CAUSES DEATH

When driving to his home at Towlerton, Ballysimon, from the city on Saturday last, Michael Fitzgerald, aged 56 years, a small farmer, met with an accident that later proved fatal. Nearing his home, his pony stumbled and fell, pitching Mr. Fitzgerald on to the road. Bernard Hogan, a carter, living at Walsh's Range, off John Street, came on the scene and had the injured man removed to his home. Later he was conveyed to Barrington's Hospital, where he died on Sunday night.

#### THE INQUEST.

An inquest was held on Wednesday by the City Coroner, Mr. J. S. McNeice, solr.

Dr. F. Crowe, House Surgeon, stated that he performed a post-mortem examination and found that the deceased had sustained a fracture of the spine, which, in addition to respiratory failure, had caused death.

Bernard Hogan described how he saw the pony struggling on the side of the road to regain its feet. Mr. Fitzgerald was lying on the road on his stomach. He was bleeding from a wound on his face. Being quite conscious, he told witness what had happened—that the pony had stumbled on the slippery surface—it was raining heavily at the time—and that he (Fitzgerald) was thrown heavily on to the ground.

A verdict was returned in accordance with the medical testimony and sympathy was extended to the brother of the deceased, with whom he lived.

## MUINTIR NA TIRE

### RURAL RALLY AT SUMMER SCHOOL

The sixth annual Summer School of Agriculture organised by Muintir na Tire will be opened by Very Rev. J. M. Hayes, P.P., founder of Muintir na Tire, at the Salesian Agricultural College, Pallaskenry, on Sunday next, July 25th, and will

## CHILD NEGLECT

### Baby Abandoned

#### MOTHER GETS JAIL

Another case of child neglect before the City District Court today, when Rosie Murphy, no first abode, was, before Justice C. Kenny, B.L., charged with neglecting one of her two children. Denis Murphy, replying to Superintendent Colleran, who prosecuted, said that he was father of the defendant. She had two children and she lived with him for two years. Some weeks ago she left his house and then returned, but he refused to allow her in. It was on the pleadings of the clergy and a Guard that she let her in with her young child who was only 10 or 11 days old at that time. She went away then on the 30th June and left this young baby at his (witness's) house, and he had to mind the baby for five days and two nights before finally taking the baby to the City Home to be cared for, as his daughter never returned.

Superintendent—What are the habits of this girl? Does she drink?  
Witness—Well, she does.

#### DEFENDANT EXAMINED

The defendant, in the course of answering the Justice, said that she took a fair share of drink on any day she left the baby behind. She had no business of returning to take away the child, as she knew that she was for the court.

Superintendent—Did you sleep in a hall in the city during your time away from your father's home?

Defendant—I slept with Michael Cahill, because I did not want to return to my father with drink on me.

Superintendent—Is that the Michael Cahill who was up here in court last week for neglecting her child?

Defendant—Yes, but I did not neglect my child.

Superintendent—Have you slept out every night since?

Witness—Yes.

Inspector Foley, N.S.P.C.C., stated that he directed the defendant to go to the City Home for the safekeeping of the baby, but she refused. Instead of going to her father's place, as a result of the pleadings of the clergy and a Guard, she was found sleeping in a hall with the young child who was only some days old. Then she went to another woman in Island Field, but did not stop there. Subsequently she ran away from her father's home and abandoned the baby there.