Witness—In my experience I did not see much of it.

FOR G.O.C. INSPECTION.

Guard McHugh gave evidence of searching the defendant's house and finding some of the articles there. Witness took a statement from him, in the course of which he said that he was married and was aged 24 years, and had been stationed at Sarsfield Barracks for the past two years. The statement added that the defendant was deficient in his kit, and took some of the articles in order to be all right for a G.O.C. inspection. There was no lock in the box, and he was tempted to take some of the articles. He was never in court before, and he did not know anything about other articles which it was alleged were also missing from the box. The statement concluded that the defendant took an Army shirt, a pair of gymnasium shoes, pair of gloves, Army green trousers, a fatigue pants, a slate coloured trousers, some brushes and slacks.

The Justice at this stage was told that the room orderly did not look after the box.

The Justice wondered why the defendant wanted the slate coloured pants for the inspection.

Mr. O'Malley remarked that apparently when he took the other articles for the inspection he succumbed to taking that particular pants.

The defendant said in evidence that the complainant never handed him the box. The box was left in a room and he (defendant) was short some equipment for a G.O.C. inspection and that was the reason why he took some of the articles.

Superintendent—How many shirts were taken

Defendant—One.

Superintendent—There were two recovered.

Defendant—Oh, there were two.

Superintendent—Yes, it is two now.

Evidence was given by an Army officer that the defendant's record was very satisfactory up to the time of the present lapse. He considered that it was the duty of any soldier to see that another colleague's kit was brought to the store room if it so happened that the man in particular was going away.

SENT TO PRISON.

The Justice said it was a bad case and he considered that it was the accused's duty to take care of the box in question when he knew that it was not put into the store room. He would send the defendant to jail for one month with hard labour.

Mr. O'Malley pleaded with the Justice to reduce the sentence, as the defendant was a married man.

The Justice said that in the circumstances he could not alter the sentence because if that sort of crime were tolerated life would not be worth living. When it was an offence which took place in the Army that was all the more reason why discipline would have to be shown.

DEATH OF MR. M. BYRNES

Gaedhlge, 1; St. Patrick's Boys School, 2; St. Anne's Vocational School, 2; City Board, G.A.A., 2; Munster Council, G.A.A., 2; Gaelic League Irish Classes, 2; Risteard Mac Siacuis, Shanagolden, 15; Seoirse Mac Taigh, Patrick's Well, 2; Feile Luimnighe, 2; Barrigone, 1; Tournafola, 1; Glin, 8; Killactin, Newcastle West, 8; Ballysteen, 6; Croom, 4; Ballyhahill, 1; Kilcolman, 1; Scariff, Co. Clare, 4; Mount Collins,2.

No more vacancies are now available.

DEATH AT GLENSTAL PRIORY

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BROTHER CHRISTOPHER, O.S.B.

Twenty-one years after the coming of the Benedictines to Glenstal, the first death of one of the Community has occurred, that of Brother Christopher Lacey. R.I.P. In 1935 he came from Naas to be a lay brother in Glenstal, and after a life of exemplary piety and strenuous work for God and his Community, he died on Tuesday night in his 46th year, and the 10th of his monastic profession.

As well as being the first laid to rest in the Monastery Cemetery, he was privileged to be the first professed Irish Benedictine lay Brother since Henry VIII destroyed the Monasteries. He was an expert at tree felling, and long will his memory last in Murroe as provider of firing during the hard war and post-war days. His goodwill and charity were proved by all those who had Masses offered for him, and who flocked to pay him their last tribute on Thursday morning.

Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by Very Rev. Father Prior, D. Bernard O'Dea, O.S.B.; deacon, Rev. Father Finbar O'Mahony; subdeacon, Rev. Francis McHenry, O.S.B.; chanters, Rev. Fathers Winoc and Malachy. Also in the choir, in addition to the Community, were:—Very Rev. J. Hayes, P.P., Bansha; Very Rev. P. Collins, O.M.I., Holyhead; Very Rev. T. Mulvihill, P.P., Newport; Very Rev. Algidius Doolan, O.P., S.T.M.; Rev. Father J. Gilmartin, C.C., Murroe; Rev. J. Bergin, C.C., Thurles; Rev. P. Lee, C.C., Doon; Rev. M. Holloway, C.C., Caherconlish; Rev. P. Walsh, C.C., Cappamore; Rev. Fr. Cooney, Chaplain, Doon; Rev. A. Ryan, O.S.A., Limerick; Rev. Fr. O'Shea, O.S.A., do.; Rev. J. O'Rourke, O.P.; Rev. David Ryan, Cappamore.

FATHER TONELLO'S APPEAL

In the course of a letter acknowledging receipt of £40 sent to him through this office in response to his touching appeal in our columns some weeks ago, Rev. Father Tonello, Assam, India, graciously

plainant's machine and took the pump with the intention of putting it back.

The defendant told the Justice that he did tell lies about his address to the Guard, but subsequently admitted everything.

Superintendent — How can you account for the fact that you took the pump off the bicycle and then put it on your own?

Defendant—It was all a mistake.

Superintendent—It was no mistake at all.

ELEMENT OF DOUBT.

The Justice said it was a cheeky thing for the defendant to take the pump off the complainant's bike without permission. It was possible for anyone to get up on anyone's bicycle and ride away. It was also possible for a person to take somebody else's pump as in the present case. It was against the defendant that he did not at the outset tell the truth to the Guard. Nevertheless, there was some considerable doubt about the case, and he (Justice) had been handed a letter from the defendant's employer testifying that the defendant's character was good. There was not anything previously against the defendant and as there was an element of doubt in the case he would give him the benefit of that doubt and with some hesitation he would dismiss it on the merits.

MANY DEAD FISH

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ON BED OF MULCAIR RIVER

What is considered by many anglers as the worst disaster in the history of local fishing has occurred in the Mulcair River.

There was a gruesome sight for some visitors to the river this morning, when they found that the bed of it was littered with dead trout, many dead salmon, and thousands of dead salmon fry.

At Lismullane, where the Mulcair and Annagh Rivers meet, over 40 dead salmon were counted by a resident of the locality.

One angler who saw the dead carcases of the fish told a "Limerick Leader" reporter that there were many thousands of salmon fry lying motionless at the bottom of the river, which at the present time is running low. He gave it as his opinion that the fish probably died from suffocation as a result of the intense heat of the previous evening. He also entertains the suggestion that the fish may have died from poisoning.

DIOCESE OF LIMERICK

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CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS

His Lordship the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, has made the following appointments:—