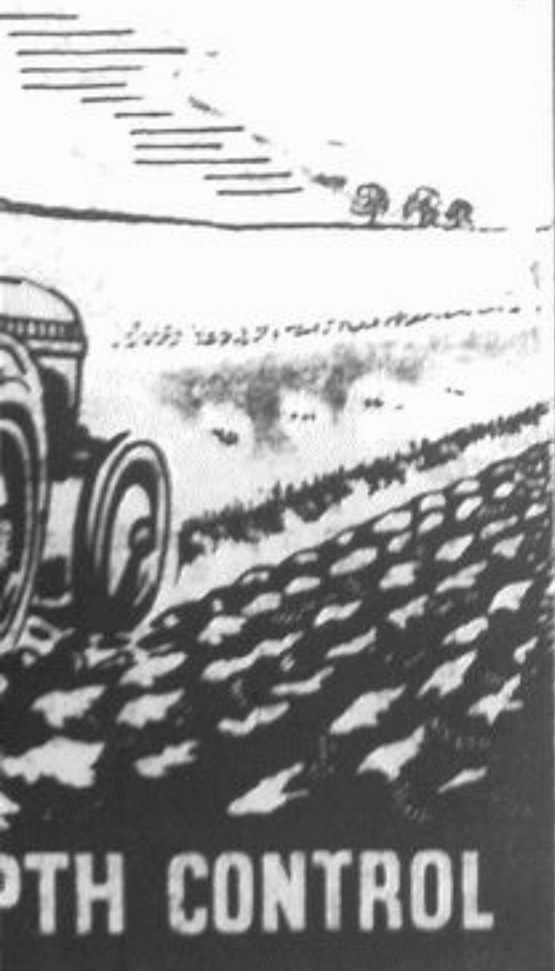


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work among them teaching the Irish language. He had been in turn Hon. Secretary of Gaelic League branches in West Limerick and North Cork in the early days of Sinn Fein.

Mr. Sheehan has been a very keen member of the Irish Creamery Managers' Association, being Chairman of the County Clare branch for some years past. He enjoys among his colleagues a reputation for shrewd judgment and earnest endeavour to forward their interests.

During the Emergency he was one of the earliest to enlist in the L.D.F., in which his experience of Army organisation proved valuable for administration and training of units. In latter years he has given a good deal of attention to the Young Farmers' Clubs movement.

## A SERIOUS DANGER

### JUSTICE ON UNLIGHTED BICYCLES

"Offences against the lighting regulations may appear to be minor matters," said Justice Gordon Hurlley, B.L., at Ennis District Court on Friday, "but any cyclist using the Limerick-Shannon Airport-Ennis road at night without a light on his bicycle is undoubtedly putting his own life and the lives of others in serious danger. There is considerable traffic at present on that road, which has many twists and dangerous bends." He added that he hoped cyclists would realise that it was not a question solely of paying the fine, but they should also realise that by not having lights on their bicycles they were putting other users of the road in jeopardy.

### NEWCASTLE WEST RENT COLLECTION

In his report of the accounts of the Newcastle West Town Commissioners for the year ending 31st March, 1948, Mr. J. P. Moran, Local Government Auditor, pointed out that the total rent for collection for the year under review was £688 11s. 6d. Of this amount 93.3 per cent was collected; 3 per cent written off as irrecoverable and 6.4 per cent carried forward. Corresponding figures for the preceding year were:—Total for collection, £650 17s. 9d.; collected, 95.39 per cent; carried forward, 4.61 per cent. Total receipts for the year under review amounted to £2,172 9s. 3d., and total payments to £2,050 10s. 2d. Credit balance on 31/3/48 was £214 6s. 2d. The adequacy of the amount for which 58 cottages were insured against damage by fire might be considered, observed the report, which added that the accounts were presented for audit in a satisfactory manner.

### RESIGNED AS PROTEST

Two Labour members of Warrenpoint (Co. Down) Urban Council—which is dominated by Labour—have resigned from that body and from the Northern Ireland Labour Party as a protest against the singing of the "Red Flag" at the recent Labour Conference in Warrenpoint.

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## AID FOR TEACHERS AND PUPILS

Of inestimable value to primary school teachers will be the graded test papers and miscellaneous problems contained in Dr. William J. Maguire's "Arithmetic for Public Examinations (Primary Schools)," just published. Written by so well-known an educationist as Dr. Maguire, it is stated to be the first of a tutorial series of mathematical works intended to provide teachers with a carefully planned aid to their instruction, as well as to the onerous duty of preparing boys and girls for school examinations.

The present volume contains a number of graded papers and miscellaneous problems, all with answers, and very adequately covers the arithmetical courses (elementary, intermediate and advanced) leading up to and including the Leaving Certificate Examination in the primary schools. The arrangement of the material is direct and simple and will doubtless highly commend itself to both teachers and pupils. It is obvious that the author's aim was to provide an easily-worked scheme of study for the individual pupil and a method by which the boys and girls in general would be enabled to measure their progress from time to time during a year's work.

Of particular interest in this book, which is priced 1/9, will be the author's very learned hints on how the subject of arithmetic should be studied to the best advantage. Appreciated also will be the well-planned, comprehensive Table of Constants. A really excellent volume is completed by the inclusion of examination papers set by the Department.

The publishers are Dollards, Ltd., 3 Wellington Quay, Dublin.

## GREAT CHURCH-BUILDER

### DEATH OF MITCHELSTOWN-BORN BISHOP

Widespread feelings of regret have been occasioned throughout the Mitchelstown district on learning of the death of Most Rev. Dr. William Lee, Bishop of Clifton (writes our Mitchelstown correspondent).

Bishop Lee, who was a native of Corrogur, Mitchelstown, was a member of a well-known family, which gave several members to the religious life. He was well known as one of the greatest Church-builders in England of recent years, having no fewer than 60 new churches completed during his 16 years of office as bishop. He was a constant visitor to his native Mitchelstown, where, some years ago, he donated a marble altar rails at Killaclog Church which will stand an everlasting monument to his memory.

Solemn Requiem High Mass, which was presided over by His Lordship, the Most Rev. Dr. Roche, Bishop of Cloyne, was celebrated for the repose of his soul in the Mitchelstown Parish Church on Monday last, the 27th September. Clergy from practically every parish in the diocese of Cloyne, were in attendance.

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carried out tables and graphs was prepared transmission to the Central Council. Other items considered during the year included the employment of student engineers, registration, engineers in temporary employment, etc.

### THE SOCIAL SIDE

"On the social side the outstanding event of the year was the annual dinner held at Coolbawn House Hotel, Castleconnell, on March 20th. This was very well attended, and it was acknowledged by all as being a most enjoyable function. Other events included an informal dance at the Rink Ballroom, Limerick, and a visit to the Caves of Mitchelstown. As has been the practice, two visits to places of engineering interest were arranged during the year. In January the members visited Ardnacrusha Power Station and in September, the Cement Factory at Mungret, Limerick. Both of these visits were well attended by members, and they proved to be of great educational value. It is encouraging to find that a large number of non-members accompany members on these visits, and it is hoped that in this way their interest in the Cumann may be increased with the ultimate result that they may become members. Another event which proved a great success was a film show (by courtesy of the E.S.B.) of rural electrification.

"A matter which was apparent during the year was the lack of interest shown by the ordinary member in Cumann affairs, apart from the social activities mentioned. An attempt to stir up interest was made when a general meeting was arranged for Tipperary in June. This, however, was poorly attended and although some very useful discussions did take place it was felt that the main object of the meeting was defeated. Members should take a personal interest in the Association and forward to the Hon. Secretary suggestions, motions for meetings, and grievances they may have as to their conditions of employment, etc. In this way the Committee would be able to expand its work, and make a more definite contribution towards the welfare of the ordinary member.

### NEED FOR PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS.

"The gratitude of the branch is due to the proprietress and staff of the Glentworth Hotel for having so kindly facilitated us at all times during the year. While the Glentworth Hotel may be suitable for meetings, it is felt that this young organisation will grow from strength to strength, and the aim should be that eventually the Thomond Branch would have its own permanent headquarters in the City of Limerick, where all members could gather for the cultural, educational, and social advancement of the profession."

### VOLUNTEERED FOR AFRICAN MISSION

Rev. Father McDonnell, C.C., Pallaskey, Co. Limerick, has volunteered for the Foreign Mission in Africa, and is to leave shortly. Father McDonnell was in Africa for three years previously, but returned home and served for some years in the Diocese of Limerick, where he proved himself an exceedingly zealous as well as very popular priest.