

HOUSING
and Schemes
ON BUILDING
SITATION

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is satisfactory to... Manager can secure... sorially.

FOR ANOTHER WEEK.

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OF FLATS AT
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N SPRING
COMMANDER IN
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me, Naval Direc-... the city from... a courtesy call on... r. Michael B... M. W. McGuire, of the Harbour... tors were accom-... C. J. Hanrahan,

mpson expressed... s not possible for... this occasion, to... e explained that... to the Shannon... out routine. He... r and Chairman... board for their de-... to give the... welcome and gave... at the corvette... official visit to... ring. Due notice...

LIBERTIES COURT
Charge Against
Publican
MAN WHO HID IN COAL
HOLE

At the Limerick Liberties Court to-day, before Justice D. F. Gleeson, William J. Merrick, publican, Blackboy Pike, Limerick, was prosecuted for a breach of the licensing laws on the 25th September.

Supt. P. Collieran prosecuted, and Mr. Martin Tynan, solicitor (Messrs. Michael Tynan and Co.), appeared for the publican, but not for one non bona-fide found on the premises.

Guard Hayes said that on the 23rd September he inspected the licensed premises of Mr. Merrick at 11.15 p.m. He was admitted after knocking and found a man there with a pint in his hand in a coal scullery. The publican stated that he ordered the non bona-fide to leave, but he refused to do so. There were a number of bona-fide travellers on the premises at the time.

To Mr. Tynan—Witness agreed that the man on the premises said he refused to leave.

The man found on the premises said that he was not asked to leave at 10.30. That was the time he went in.

William Merrick said that there was a circus in the locality on the occasion. He asked all the non-bona fides to leave at 10.30 o'clock, but the previous witness refused to do so.

To the Superintendent, witness said that he did not attempt to put the man out as he would not like to take that on his own.

The man found on the premises said that he was pushed into the coal-hole on the occasion and five or six other men got out through the window when the Guard came.

Guard Hayes, recalled, said that the witness did not tell that story to him. He did see him with the pint in his hand coming out of the coal-house.

The Superintendent said that there was a recent conviction against the publican.

The Justice said he would accept the publican's story and would impose a fine of 10/-.

The man found on the premises was also fined 10/-.

WHITE LIGHT NECESSARY.

Henry Russell, "Alva," O'Connell Avenue, was summoned for failing to produce a certificate of insurance in respect of a motor vehicle within five days, and for not having a driving licence. He was also summoned for not having a white identification light on the back of the vehicle.

Guard O'Brien said that at 9.5 p.m. on the 15th October he found the defendant driving the car at Shanakyle, Ardnacrusha, where he questioned him about the offences.

To Mr. M. B. O'Malley, solicitor, who defended, witness said that the vehicle was formerly a jeep.

Mr. O'Malley said he understood that there were two red lights on the vehicle at the back, as it had been a jeep.

The Justice remarked that there should have been a white light, now that it was reconstructed and not used as a jeep.

Mr. O'Malley further said that another man who had owned the vehicle was in possession of the insurance certificate when the Guard held up his client. He had taken out a new driving licence since, while he now produced the insurance cover in court.

The Justice said that the insurance certificate should have been produced within five days after the Guard had questioned the defendant. That was really the main trouble in the case.

A fine of 10/- was imposed in the insurance summons, 5/- for not having a driving licence, and 2/6 on the white light summons.

LARCENY OF SCRAP.

Michael Franklin, 4, Rosemary Place, Watergate, and John O'Dwyer, 2, Smith O'Brien Avenue, Kileely, were charged with stealing 200 fang bolts, value 10/- the property of C.I.E.

Supt. P. Collieran prosecuted and the defendants, who were not professionally represented, pleaded guilty.

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DENTAL SERVICE
In The Voluntary
Hospitals
CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The question of the dental service in the Limerick voluntary hospitals was again discussed at a meeting of the City Council held on Monday night, the Mayor (Mr. M. B. O'Malley, solr.), presiding.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Russell referred to the desirability of providing extra dental facilities in Limerick, and said that he had gone very thoroughly into the subject as regards the voluntary hospitals and had ascertained that neither of the voluntary hospitals had the facilities nor the personnel to deal with the matter. He felt, however, that the dental services in Limerick were totally inadequate, and thought that something should be done to improve local conditions.

DID NOT APPLY IN ANY OTHER CENTRE.

The City Manager said that the facilities which Mr. Russell was seeking did not apply in any other centre in Ireland, but he was prepared to explore the possibilities of providing a better service in Limerick.

The Mayor said that from his inquiries he had learned that it was utterly impossible to extend the existing dental services.

Ald. Reilly said there appeared to be a very small number of dentists on the staffs of the voluntary hospitals.

Mayor—They are voluntary dentists.

ONLY ONE MORNING EACH WEEK.

Mr. Russell—We went into the entire position and found there was only one morning available each week for dental treatment in the clinic and that the services of other dentists, however willing, could not be availed of.

The Manager said he would go into the entire question again and if anything could be done to improve the service he would make the necessary arrangements.

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CITY TRAGEDY
Evidence At Inquest
VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL
DROWNING

An inquest touching the circumstances surrounding the death of Edmund Barry (81), a former clerk of St. Munchin's Parish Church, whose body was found floating in a pond near Cleeve's Factory on Friday evening last, was held by the Deputy-City Coroner, Mr. J. S. McNeice, solicitor, without a jury, in Barrington's Hospital on Monday evening.

The proceedings were conducted by Supt. P. Collieran.

Dr. Francis Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, said that the deceased was admitted to the hospital at 5.45 p.m. on the 5th November. He was dead on admission.

RESULT OF POST-MORTEM.

Witness carried out a post-mortem examination on the body of the deceased. Death, in his opinion, was due to asphyxia following immersion in water. The deceased also suffered from myocarditis.

Christopher Manning, Ellen St., said that he was employed at Cleeve's Factory, and on Wednesday evening last he saw Edmund Barry passing through the grounds of the factory and next saw him knocking at a building in the factory near the pond. The pond was about six feet in depth at its deepest point and about four feet in depth where the body was recovered.

David O'Neill, Mulgrave Street, gave evidence of seeing, at 4.45 p.m. on Friday last, what appeared to be a body floating in the pond. The body was a few feet from the edge of the pond.

Sergeant John Hanrahan said that on Friday last, at 5 p.m., he went to Cleeve's Factory as a result of receiving a phone call from Mr. Donnellan. Witness saw the body of the deceased floating in the water. It was fully dressed and witness had it removed to Barrington's Hospital. Witness found a watch in the clothing of the deceased and it was stopped at 7.40 o'clock. He also found some money.

SIGHT WAS BAD.

Christopher O'Sullivan, Ballysteen, Askeaton, said that the deceased resided with him for the past 14 months and he was uncle of witness's wife. If he had lived he would have been 81 years on Tuesday of this week. He left on Wednesday of last week to come into Limerick. The deceased's sight was bad. The next time that witness saw him was in Barrington's Hospital, where he identified the remains.

The Deputy-Coroner said it was clear from the evidence that the deceased had gone to the factory with the probable intention of looking up some old friends of his in St. Munchin's Parish. As his sight was defective, it appeared that he wandered towards the pond and toppled in. In all the circumstances he would bring in a verdict that death was due to asphyxia following accidental drowning. He tendered deep sympathy to the relatives of the deceased.

EXEMPLARY CITIZEN.

Supt. Collieran, on behalf of the Gardaí, associated himself with the sympathetic remarks, while Mr. P. J. Donnellan, B.C. also sympathised with the relatives of the deceased, and said that he knew the late Edmund Barry for close on 40 years. He was, he said, an exemplary citizen and a popular figure not alone in St. Munchin's Parish, where he was held in the highest esteem, but throughout the rest of the city.

Mr. Christopher O'Sullivan returned thanks for the messages of sympathy.

SERVED UNDER SEVEN PASTORS.

The late Edmund Barry served as Parish Clerk in St. Munchin's Parish under seven Pastors in the following order:—Dean Shanahan, Canon Murphy, Canon O'Driscoll, Canon Cregan, Canon O'Dwyer, Canon O'Neill (now Bishop) and Canon Moloney, the present P.P. of the parish.

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TOWN TOPICS
COMPULSORY POWERS.

Contrary to the generally accepted opinion, the Corporation has power to acquire land for building sites for houses to be erected under the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act. It is unlikely, however, that it will be necessary to resort to these powers, as it is expected that all the land needed will be got by agreement. It is good to know, at any rate, that land owners cannot adopt an attitude of complete indifference—that they must be amenable to reason. Now that sites can be got for houses to be erected by private citizens, a boom in building may be anticipated.

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SEVEN HUNDRED.

Indeed, house building in Limerick is going ahead very rapidly. At present the Corporation has schemes in progress at Pennywell, Rosbrien, Palmerstown and elsewhere. Between all these over 700 dwellings are in course of construction, and by next year an additional 1,000 houses will be on the stocks. That is something to crow about. By the way, people who have plans prepared for industrial buildings are complaining that they cannot get licences from the Department of Industry and Commerce to purchase the necessary materials, as priority is being given to public building projects.

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DERELICT AREAS.

A forward move is to be made to build on cleared derelict sites scattered here and there in the city. Building is in progress in one or two of these areas, and in this connection it should be mentioned that a scheme for St. Francis Abbey is being prepared. The utilisation of the demolished areas for house-building will give general satisfaction, for it was feared that they would be allowed remain for an indefinite period in a state of dereliction. The City Manager (Mr. M. Macken, B.A.) has given an assurance that all vacant spots will, as far as possible, be put to good use.

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CANNOT BE DONE.

Some time ago the City Council passed a resolution asking the Minister for Local Government to increase pension allowances to all retired officers of the Corporation. This action was taken in consequence of the increase in the cost of living. The Minister has informed the Council that he has no power to increase pensions fixed before 30th June, 1940. As the law stands, of course, the hands of the Minister are tied, as it were, but it was thought that he might take steps to have the Pensions Act amended. Mr. Murphy did not, however, give any hint that his mind was operating in that direction.

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SITE FOR HOSPITAL.

With the approval of the Minister for Health, Dr. Noel Browne, the Corporation has purchased from the Committee of the Bedford Row Hospital the grounds of Belfield House, Ennis Road, for £6,850. Some ten years ago the Bedford Row Committee purchased this property for £4,000, and for the express purpose of building there a new maternity hospital. World War II, however, intervened to upset all plans. Quite recently the Minister for Health came to the conclusion that the building of the new maternity hospital should be undertaken and administered by the Corporation. It was in consequence of this direc-

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