

**TOR OFFENCES**  
**imited Trade Plate**  
**CHNICAL MISTAKE**

ENT O'Riordan, Clogheen, Tipperary, was defendant at bridge Court in a case con- with the use of a motor car only a "limited trade plate" which he had driven on a with a friend to Shannon

G. O'Donovan, solicitor, for the defence, said Mr. O'Riordan's mistake was simply in this manner on a Sun- day had been a Saturday or day he would have been right.

**TESTING THE CAR.**

ant said he would have all right, too, if he had friend to "hopit" whilst the engaged checking other at the Airport. The car w 12 h.p. Vauxhall which ing for his own informa- e was thinking of taking own use instead of an xhail in his garage on \$20 tax had been paid. an in the motor business, ss, was entitled to look car for himself. The tax limited trade plate" was had overlooked the fact it, he could not carry a on a Sunday.

Hurley said the offence uly technical one and met by a fine of 10/-.

**QUESTION OF TAX.**

O'Connor, Knocknagoshel, (the driver), and Timo- e, Ahane (the owner), \$3 each for using a at Shannon Airport for other than that for car was licensed. The tax 16s. for the quarter but s a private one on which s 8s. Quirk wrote admitting ried a party of friends ort and stating that the now been paid.

**WORKS COAL**

**NOT YET SETTLED**

afternoon no solution und for the purpose of eadlock concerning the a cargo of coal from to the Gas Works. erence last evening, at City Manager, Mr. M. A., and Mr. F. K. Engineer, met mem- executive committee of k Branch of the Irish and General Workers' and mentioned rescinded l order given to their employed at the Gas is order was to the e gas workers who are the I.T.G.W.U. were not coal in their employers'

order has been with- ease continues as the Society will not per- belonging to the Gas e part in the delivery tons of coal, and they e transport of the e Docks to the Gas d be confined to their

**BISHOP**

**H IN FRANCISCAN**

**CHURCH**

hip, Most Rev. Dr. P.M., Bishop of Ezani, d the ceremonies yest- ection with the laying ation stone of the new Church in Cork City. Limerick to-day and he of the local Franciscan

**EALE HOUSING**

**SCHEMES**

a request from the ine Gael and Inter- e in connection with of artisans' and lab- g (writes our Abbey- ondent), the Minister ument has replied ary, Mr. Sean Brode- g that a new survey ried out shortly, and will be invited in the for the scheme of 12 Abbeyfeale, and the 10 houses during the

**BIG PROGRAMME**  
**Co Limerick Drainage**  
**Scheme**

**WORK TO START ALMOST**  
**AT ONCE**

A £75,000 scheme to relieve flood- ing in County Limerick will start any day now. The work will be carried out by the County Council under the new Drainage Act, and will be financed by State grants. It will give considerable employment in all areas, and will particularly concentrate on clearing the larger rivers and streams which caused such severe damage to lands and buildings during the past few winters.

All this was told to Limerick Co. Council at a meeting on Saturday by the Co. Engineer (Mr. G. Aberne), who read to the members a letter received that morning from the Minister for Local Government, authorising him to begin work immediately on part of a prepared plan of campaign to eliminate flood- ing.

**DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST**

The Co. Engineer said that earlier this summer he was asked by the Department to prepare a scheme of works for the County under the new Act, and to have this sent to the Department for approval. The Department's request then was accompanied by a regulation that when preparing his scheme of drainage work the Engi- neer should first of all concentrate on the simpler, easier jobs, as well, of course, as works of major and urgent importance.

"This work is of very great im- portance," the Engineer said. "It is particularly significant from the point of view of the employment it will give. Any employment we will give at the moment can be easily tackled because it will be of the type that will require very light or no machinery."

Mr. John Quaid asked what the cost of the schemes proposed for the county would be, and from where the money would come.

The Engineer replied that the cost would be between £74,000 and £75,000. This money, as far as he knew, would come exclusively out of State grants.

**HUNDREDS OF JOBS**

Mr. Aberne then spent about thirty minutes reading from his list of hun- dreds of drainage jobs which he proposed putting under way in the very near future. These works would be carried out within the current year, and would cater for every district in the county which at the moment was subject to flooding. The biggest item was for the clearing of the river Deel near Rathkeale, at a cost of £10,000.

Chairman (Mr. J. W. Canty)— This seems to be a great idea. It must give a terrible lot of employ- ment during the years to come.

In reply to a question by Mr. M. O'Donnell, the Engineer said that he would make a note of the Killolemaun area for insertion in the scheme. He added, that according to Departmental regulations the Council's programme of work under the scheme would have to be capable of being completed within a year. Schemes not requiring elaborate surveys should, at the beginning, be given preference, and due regard should be had to the availability of labour in the differ- ent areas. The scheme, the Min- ister directed, should not be allowed to prejudice Co. Council road schemes.

The Engineer, in reply to further questions, said that in his prepared scheme, the biggest items, apart from the Rathkeale job, was the clearing of portions of the Mulcaire at an estimated cost of £4,000, and of the Maigue, at about £2,000.

**BIG ITEMS MORE URGENT**

"In a letter to the Minister," the Engineer went on, "I referred to these bigger items and pointed out that in Co. Limerick these bigger things were in greater demand, and were more urgent than the smaller items of road-raising, etc. My im- pression is that these large rivers like the Mulcaire, the Maigue, and the Deel are the things that really give the people the most trouble, and I asked the Department not to exclude these from the initial pro- gramme on the ground that it wasn't a simple job of work. We will make a start immediately on 25 per cent. of the work."

Mr. J. J. McNamara said he was glad that an immediate start was to be made, because, he said, if a start wasn't made now it would be impossible to do the work later on, and the farmers would suffer an- other winter of flooding.

Mr. R. M. Clery formally moved the adoption of the Engineer's scheme. The Council unanimously agreed with Mr. Clery's motion, which was declared passed.

**LIMERICK DOCKERS**

**COMMUNISM**  
**Minister Quoted**  
**GENERAL ELECTION**

**SPEECHES**

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

**A**CHARA—In the course of the debate in Dail Eireann on the Department of An Taoiseach, Deputy Michael O'Higgins saw fit to attack Mr. Sean MacEntee for his consistent opposition to Communism.

Apparently Deputy O'Higgins does not accept the undisputed facts of the existence of this menace, sub- mitted by Deputy Sean MacEntee. Perhaps he will accept the testi- mony of no less a person than his Coalition Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. James Everett. Mr. Everett is in a position to satisfy Mr. O'Higgins that at least one of the parties bolstering up the Coalition contains men of declared Commu- nist affiliations.

**WARNED THE PEOPLE.**

Speaking during the General Election throughout County Wick- low last year, Mr. Everett warned the people of the dangers that con- fronted them. Here are extracts from his campaign speeches:—

"There is no need to emphasise the fact that within Mr. Norton's party the Communists and the agents of British Trade Unions are still the controlling power. Mr. Norton is only nominally the leader of that Party; the men behind the scene pull the strings and he dances how and when they bid him. Mr. Norton's group had made an agree- ment with the British Labour Party, but the terms of that agreement were as secret as the orders issued by the Kremlin to its agents in this country. Four years ago we were laughed at when we first drew atten- tion to the way in which Commu- nists are undermining the workers' organisation here."—Meeting at Shillelagh, Sunday 21st December, 1947. (Extract from "Wicklow People," 27th December, 1947).

"I now state that in Mr. Norton's party there are at least two mem- bers who were educated in Russia. Will he deny that one of the leaders is Secretary of the Commu- nist Party in Ireland? Will he deny that one stood as a Communist can- didate for Dublin?"—Meeting at Coolboy and Park, 14th January, 1948. (Extract from "Wicklow People," 17th January, 1948).

**"INFILTRATIONS."**

"In the election they would be asked to choose members to rep- resent them in the Dail and speak in their names. They should be care- ful not to give any support to can- didates who might misrepresent their views or those of the Irish people. They were at the cross- roads. There were intrigues and in- filtrations going on amongst some members of the Irish Labour Party; those who spent some time in Mos- cow and fighting for Marshall Tito. These men were the real rulers be- hind the scenes. He had been warn- ing the Irish people for the past four years. He was offered a safe seat if he would unite with these men. The forces opposed to him were financed from foreign resour- ces. They were aided by brains and technique of the forces of Intern- ational Communism. They had to choose which side they would take, controlled by Irishmen or by for- eigners."—Meeting at Aughrim Hall, 24th December, 1947. (Extract from "Wicklow People," 31st December, 1947).

In view of these serious revela- tions surely it is not too much to ask Mr. Costello to immediately ef- fect a re-examination of the political situation in this part of Ireland. No one can gainsay the fact that the Coalition has been responsible for giving the Communist elements a place of importance in the Govern- mental life of this country to which they were never entitled by the votes of the people.

**OF LITTLE AVAIL.**

As things stand at the moment it is of little avail for Dail Deputies to hope that the Coalition Minister for Justice can crush the menace. Any attempt to do so would involve the disappearance of the Coalition Government.

We are a Catholic and Christian State, but like other Catholic and Christian States in Europe we have our share of weak-kneed politicians.

Mise, le meas,  
**COLM MURPHY,**  
204 Pearse Street,  
Dublin.

**ENGLISH VISITOR**

**CATCHES 50 BREAM NEAR**

**LIMERICK**

Fishing on the River Shannon

**SAD FATALITY**  
**Young Boy Drowned**  
**ACCIDENT AT KILLALOE**

**T**HE sad drowning of a young boy, Christopher Malone (8), in the Canal at Killaloe in Friday evening last, has cast a gloom over the people of the town (writes our Killaloe correspondent). It is not definitely known how the deceased met his fate but the assumptions are that as he was walking along the Canal Bank on his way to Mr. McKeogh's, Ballina, with a can for the evening milk, the can slipped from his hand and fell into the canal. He then took off his sandals, laid them on the bank, where they were after- wards found, and tried to get into the canal in order to recover his lost can and when doing so he probably slipped headlong into the water and was carried out into mid- stream. It is impossible to think that nobody passed along the road from the time of the accident until the body was found, but then the heap of rubble dredged from the canal some years ago and piled on the bank obscures the view from the road to the canal at that point, and this may account for nobody seeing him falling into the canal.

Over and over again for years past the Board of Works has been asked by the townspeople to remove this eyesore, but all their appeals have been in vain.

Preaching at Killaloe on Sunday last, the Rev. Father O'Dwyer, C.C., tendered sympathy to the parents of the boy. He was, he said, a grand and friendly boy and it is a great consolation to his bereaved parents that their beloved son has gone to Heaven.

The discovery of the body was made by some youths who quickly raised the alarm and priest, doctors and Gardai were promptly on the scene. Very Rev. Cannon O'Molloy, P.P., V.F., rendered spiritual aid.

**THE INQUEST.**

On Saturday last, at 11.30 a.m., an Inquest was held by Dr. P. K. Flynn, Deputy Coroner, East Clare, and the following Jury:—Messrs. F. Flynn (foreman), J. Vaughan, J. Blake, D. Guisane, J. Higgins, M. Collins and M. Mulcahy.

Supt. Lavan conducted the inquiry. Joseph Malone, father, gave evi- dence that his son left home at about 4.30 p.m. on Friday, 29th July, to procure some milk at Mr. McKeogh's, Ballina. He wore glasses, as his sight was defective, and he usually kept off the Canal Bank.

Mairin Hutchinson said she was on holidays with her grandfather at Newtown, Killaloe. While on the bank with two children she heard a can falling and she also saw the deceased throwing a stone into the canal but she did not take further notice and went away.

John Hinchy, 15, gave evidence of seeing the body in six feet of water at 7 p.m. on Friday last.

Tony Grimes gave corroborative evidence, as did Richard Comer, who added that he and Matt Nihil divided in and brought the body to the surface. Artificial respiration was applied, but as far as he (wit- ness) could see the boy was dead. Sergt. McGinnis said that a pair of sandals belonging to the de- ceased were found on the bank. The Canal Bank ran from the lock at the Killaloe Bridge to the Pier Head and it had been used as a walk by people.

**VIEW OBSTRUCTED.**

Continuing, witness said that a number of concrete seats were erected along the bank of the Canal, from Killaloe Bridge to the Pier Head, for the benefit of the people, but since the Canal was dredged this path was now only about 3 feet wide at places, due to the residue of sand piled on the bank. This heap of sand, which rises in some instances up to 6ft. in height, obstructs the view of the Canal from the road.

Dr. M. Courtney said that the boy was dead when he was called to the scene at 7.30 p.m. In his opinion the body was in the water approxi- mately 2½ hours.

The Jury returned a verdict in ac- cordance with medical testimony that death was caused by asphyxia due to drowning.

The following doctors were pre- sent when the body was brought from the canal—Dr. M. Courtney, Dr. P. J. Walsh, Dr. H. V. McKeogh and Dr. T. O'Connor.

The Jury tendered sympathy with the parents of the deceased. The Coroner and Supt. Lavan also ex- pressed condolence.

**NO SETTLEMENT**

**BUTCHERS' STRIKE GOES ON**

The butchers' strike in the city still continues despite efforts made by the Mayor, Councillor G. B. Dil- lon to bring about an amicable settlement.

**CAME ON HOLIDAY**  
**But Decided To**  
**Remain**

**ENGLISH GIRL'S STRANGE**  
**STORY**

**T**HE strange story of an English girl who came to Ireland on a holiday, but decided to remain, was unfolded to Justice Gordon Hurley, at Ennis District Court, on Friday of last week.

Jeanne Olive Dade, aged 19 years, a native of Ipswich, England, plead- ed guilty to a charge of stealing £3 from John Moriarty, a man con- nected with a travelling circus, and stated to have an address in York Street, Dublin.

**HER OWN STORY.**

Inspector Comer, prosecuting, read a statement made by the girl, and now confirmed by her. In this she stated that in June, 1948, she came on a holiday to Ireland alone, but with the consent of her mother and stepfather. On arrival in Dublin, she liked the place and de- cided to remain permanently. She got employment as a waitress in cafes, which she named, but latterly joined up with a travelling circus. She was not a performer, but lived in a caravan and did the cooking, etc. On Tuesday last, she had a row with a son of John Moriarty, and, in a temper, decided to leave the circus and return to York St., Dublin. There was plenty of money in the caravan, but she only took the £3 necessary to pay her way to Dublin. The circus at the time was in Lisdoonvarna, and she hired a car to get to Ennistymon. There she was to get a train, but she was intercepted there and detained by the Guards.

**HAPPY IN HER HOME IN ENGLAND.**

In answer to the Justice, the girl said she had worked as a typist in Ipswich before coming to Ireland last year. She had been happy in her home in England, and in the circus. She had been treated well by the Moriartys. She was sorry for running away from them, and not remaining until the end of the "season" in two months time.

The Justice said it was amazing that a young girl of good appear- ance, obviously well brought up and well educated, should leave a comfortable home, come to Ireland on a holiday, and remain there. If possible, her parents should be in- formed of the position, and she should be sent back to England.

The girl said she had intended going home at the end of the circus "season."

**"A VERY GOOD GIRL"**

John Moriarty said the defendant was a very good girl, and he did not wish to press any charge against her. She had only been guilty of a foolish lapse on the spur of the moment.

The Justice adjourned the case so that steps might be taken at once to get into communication with the girl's mother, and with any others interested in the girl's welfare.

**DUBLIN SHOW**

**PRINCE AN EARLY VISITOR**

One of the earliest visitors to the Dublin Show to-day was Prince Bernhard, of the Netherlands, who later came out in the second com- petition, when he rode a fine brown chestnut animal, and took the course in style. His Highness was given a tremendous reception by one of the largest crowds which has visited the Show before noon for many years. Movement through the exhibition halls and around the paddocks was slow, so dense were the crowds.

The Joseph Widger Perpetual Challenge Cup for the best medium weight hunter entered in the five specified classes, was won by Mr. R. N. Galway-Greer, with "Splendour." Mr. Galway-Greer is a well known exhibitor at many shows through- out the country. His chestnut 6-Y-O. animal was bred by Mrs. Hastings, Friarstown, and the sire of the hunter is "Warden of the Marches."

Mrs. Hastings and her husband, Major Hastings, have been promi- nent exhibitors at many shows with their shorthorn dairy cows, and they have won numerous prizes.

**AMERICAN PRIEST**

**TO DIRECT HOLY YEAR**

**MUSIC**

Father Carlo Rossini, organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Cathedral in Pittsburgh, has been summoned to Rome by Pope Pius XII to direct the Holy Year.

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Views On Pump**  
**Problems**

**QUESTION OF CARTERS**

**M**R. J. W. CANTY, Chairman, presided at a meeting of Lime- rick Co. Council on Saturday, at which there was a full attendance of members, with the officials: Mr. P. J. Meghan, Co. Manager; Mr. T. F. Broe, Co. Secretary; Dr. J. Mc- Polla, Co. Medical Officer of Health; Mr. G. Ahern, Co. Engi- neer; Mr. J. J. King, Chief Officer, Public Health Department, and Mr. Roger O'Sullivan, Co. Solicitor.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. P. Ryan moved that a pump be sunk at Upper Cappanahane, Murros, for the convenience of 15 families living in the locality.

Referring the matter to the Co. Engineer, the Chairman said he thought it was now time that the Council should have its own pump sinking equipment. It was most disadvantageous, he said, to be de- pending on contractors for the erection and repairing of pumps.

**ENGINEER'S VIEWS**

The Engineer said he would look very carefully into the Chairman's suggestion, which he thought was a good one. The problem of equip- ment for the erection of pumps was not, however, confined to boring machinery. The boring of pump holes carried but a small fraction of the entire cost. Pumps were costing £300 to £400 at the moment and, from the point of view of the number of applicants, he believed the Council should raise a loan with which to buy its own equip- ment. The entire problem of the provision of pumps should be put on a systematic basis and their erection carried out by the Council through direct labour.

Mr. M. O'Donnell—And you will get plenty of labour in the County ready and willing to put up the pumps.

The Engineer said he would mention his suggestion to the Council at a later meeting.

**QUARRIES AND LORRIES**

Mr. J. Hayes moved, on notice, that every quarry in the county be opened by the Council and that the employment of lorries for the haul- age of road materials be dispensed with. He also proposed that the purchase of stone chippings from contractors be discontinued. Mentioning that this motion had been before the previous meeting and adjourned, Mr. Hayes said he was now in deadly earnest about it.

Mr. J. Quaid—I propose that we leave this in the hands of the Co. Engineer.

Chairman—I am in entire agree- ment with Mr. Quaid in this mat- ter, because this is a very sweeping motion. Everybody knows that we would never get enough carters to keep our roads permanently in re- pair.

Mr. Hayes—On previous occa- sions you showed a certain amount of sympathy with the carters and so did everybody else here. To-day that looks as if it was merely lip sympathy.

Mr. P. Langan said that nobody could expect there would be a suffi- ciency of carters to haul materials between Cahernorry and Atha, but there were plenty of quarries be- tween these two places which could be worked without difficulty by the carters.

**COULD NOT KEEP ALL**

**CARTERS EMPLOYED**

The Chairman said the Council could not hope to keep all the carters in the county in full employ- ment throughout the entire 12 months of each year. From that point of view, he pointed out, were not the contractors who produced the chippings, and the lorries that drew them, employing men as well as the Council.

Mr. J. J. McNamara said that labourers at the moment seemed to prefer being idle to working for farmers. "I have met a lot of farmers who cannot get a man for love or money," he said. "To my mind that is the main reason of unemployment at the moment."

Chairman—Sure there's no real unemployment at all in Co. Lime- rick at the present time.

Mr. McNamara said he didn't think the Council could honestly get along without employing lorries. He agreed that carters were entitled to as much work as possible, but the line had to be drawn somewhere.

Mr. McAuliffe—There is no short- age of carters in Newcastle West anyway. We'd never want a lorry there at all on the roads.

**MORE SOCIAL THAN ECONOMIC**

Mr. D. J. Madden, T.D., said the question of the employment of car- ters was much more a social ques- tion than an economic one. The Council had an obligation to see that the type of worker who would otherwise be thrown on the unem- ployed list would get as much work as possible on the county roads, because to have a large number of men on the unemployed list was