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## SCHOOL

Four parents from the Clarecastle district were summoned to Ennis Court on Friday for failing to send their children regularly to school, and Sergeant James Long (prosecuting) said the periods of absence varied from 24 to 72 days during a total of 206. The explanations given by the parents were to the effect that, owing to inability to get other help, the children, whose ages ranged from 11 to almost 14, "had to be kept at home to assist at turf, hay, or potatoes."

Justice Gordon Hurley said he could not accept the excuses offered, and for this occasion only would impose fines of 7/6 and 5/-. In future, another scale would be adopted for the fixing of fines. Parents must be shown that they cannot sacrifice the future of their children. If they continued to keep children from school to assist on the farm, the fines would be made commensurate with the amount of the wages at the agricultural rate they would have had to pay to ordinary farm labourers during the periods of absence.

## ROSARY CRUSADE BRINGS CONVERSIONS IN LONDON

Several conversions have been effected and numbers of lapsed Catholics brought back to their duties by the recitation of the Rosary each Sunday at "Speakers' Corner" in Hyde Park, London, by a group of young Catholic men, mostly ex-servicemen (says "Catholic Notebook," issued by the Catholic Library information Bureau, Dublin).

Now the group, which is nearing its first anniversary in Hyde Park, has started the Rosary at a spot in Leytonstone, Essex, which was a "station" during the cross-carrying pilgrimage to Walsingham last year. The intentions are the conversion of Russia and England, a just and lasting peace, and the well-being of Eastern Europe's persecuted Christians.

17 Farnell Street,  
Ennis, Co. Clare.  
15th October, 1949.

## BRUREE Y.F.C.

## COUNTY RATES QUESTION

There was a large attendance of members at the monthly meeting of the Bruree Young Farmers' Club.

The Secretary (Mr. John Culhane) had a number of important items on the agenda for discussion; the principal ones being the vaccination of cattle against contagious abortion and the ever increasing rise in the rates in the county.

All present expressed themselves alive to the dangers of abortion and will avail themselves of the present low rates for vaccination.

A discussion on the county rates question was a very interesting one and all the members expressed themselves as being very much concerned at the big increase in their rates over the past number of years and were of the opinion that a definite stop should now be brought to this rise, and the County Manager should be urged to cut here, there and everywhere so as to cut the estimate for the coming year. The members also expressed themselves as being in complete agreement with the letter recently published by the County Secretary, Mr. Wall.

A very energetic committee was appointed to carry out arrangements for the first annual dance of the Club, which will be held in the Hall, Bruree, on Wednesday night, the 19th October.

## DEATH

**TREACY**—On Oct. 16th, 1949, at his residence, 7 Brennan's Row, Cathedral Place, Timothy Treacy, husband of the late Bridget Treacy; deeply regretted by his sorrowing sons and daughters. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. John's Cathedral this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) at 3 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

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