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Ernest de Regge and his agent, Mr. Watson, gave evidence at length of repairs carried out to the house. They swore that over £200 had been spent on repairs since the applicant took over the premises.

Christopher Leo, a repairing contractor, gave evidence of having done £19 10s. worth of work on the roof of 66 Catherine Street. Witness also did some plastering and other repair work.

John Hogan, another contractor, said he carried out £12 worth of work in the house. Witness said he saw a contractor named Laurence Hogan do a considerable amount of plastering and preparing work in the house.

The Judge fixed the basic rent of the house at £90 a year and fixed the new rent of the house at £106. The old rent was £260 a year.

**LATE MR. M. O'CONNOR,
BALLYGUILTENANE**

The following names (writes our Glin correspondent) were omitted from the published list of those attending the funeral of the late Mr. Michael O'Connor, Ballygultenane:—

Chief mourners—Mrs. M. Cregan (sister); Mrs. T. O'Connell (sister-in-law); Michael Culhane (brother-in-law) and family; Catherine Culhane, Mrs. Lenihan, Mary Culhane (nieces); Theresa and Michael Culhane.

Letters of sympathy—The O'Farrel family, Listowel; Rev. J. Shine, English Mission; the O'Sullivan family, Ballyduff; John J. Sheahan, New York.

Mass cards—Bridget O'Donoghue, Patrick Culhane, Knockfinish; Maryanne and D. L. Culhane.

A personal appreciation of the late Mr. O'Connor by Mr. John J. Sheahan, New York, will appear in our next week-end issue.

THIRD IN YEAR.

The third crop of strawberries has grown this year on a strawberry bed belonging to Mr. Michael Quigley, Newtown, Killaloe, according to our Killaloe correspondent.

cluded from these appointments, notwithstanding the fact that students of vocational schools follow courses and obtain certificates designed to qualify them for such positions.

Apart from the injustice to vocational school students, the procedure adopted by the Central Bank violates the principle of open competition and equal opportunity, which should apply to all appointments and in particular to those of public and kindred bodies like the E.S.B. and the Central Bank.—Yours faithfully,

F. McNAMARA,
General Secretary,
Vocational Education Officers'
Organisation.
21st October, 1949.

RURAL CURRENT
E.S.B. AND TIME SWITCHES

The E.S.B., in reply to a request from the Clare County Council for the installation of time switches in all towns and villages of Clare in which it is proposed to provide electric light under the rural electrification scheme, state they do not recommend those switches for the control of lighting in rural areas.

"Time switches require regular and accurate setting, and are more liable to damage through unskilled handling than the hand switch. It is felt that the simple hand switch, which can be safely and easily operated by unskilled labour, and which is unlikely to develop any mechanical or electrical defect over a very long period, would be the cheapest and most reliable method of control which the Council could adopt.

"Time switches have considerable advantage in cases where a skilled staff is available locally, and occurrences, such as the sticking of a switch during cold weather, can be promptly and cheaply attended to. Any such occurrence in a rural village would probably involve obtaining a staff from a distance, with consequent delay and expense altogether out of proportion to the value of the service required."

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