

### CITY FIRST Traffic Signs Needed

...of their objects...  
...declared Mr. J. W...  
...when Limerick...  
...on Saturday had a...  
...before it from the...  
...Association asking...  
...councils would appoint...  
...to go into the problem...  
...additional remedial for...  
...ation's letter said that...  
...appointed by Co. Council...  
...into the necessity for...  
...signs on roads and the...  
...greater provisions for...  
...children.  
...Quish—Send it to the...  
...the Prevention of...  
...Animals.  
...Autiff—There is a lot...  
...We should have more...  
...particularly at the en-...  
...de-sac. Recently a...  
...o a cut-de-sac near Dro...  
...did not turn. All these...  
...to be indicated by signs.  
...We can approve of the...  
...se people.  
...If unannounced adopted...  
...suggestion, deciding...  
...Safety First Association...  
...they approved of the...  
...aims.  
...When—about to order...  
...any kind, ask at the...  
...Office for Quot...  
...pay you to do so.

### OVERDRAFT OF £100,000

### Regional Hospital Project

THE obtaining of bank overdraft...  
...accommodation of £100,000 to...  
...finance the preliminary expenditure...  
...on the Limerick Regional Hospital...  
...project, was sanctioned by Lime-  
...rick Co. Council at its meeting last...  
...Saturday.  
...Co. Secretary T. F. Broe said it...  
...was necessary that day to get the...  
...necessary bank authority for any...  
...payments arising out of the accept-  
...ance of a tender for £157,000 a fort-  
...night previously. All expenditure...  
...would be recouped by the State ulti-  
...mately, but until the grants began...  
...to come in the Council had to have...  
...money to spend.  
...Mr. M. O'Donnell asked if the...  
...interest the Council would have to...  
...pay on bank money while awaiting...  
...grants from the Department...  
...would be recouped. That was a...  
...very important item, of which the...  
...Council should be careful.  
...The Secretary said the Council...  
...might get the overdraft interest re-  
...couped. He thought that when the...  
...time came the Council should ask...  
...the Minister to recoup interest char-  
...ges as well as all other monies spent...  
...on the Regional Hospital.  
...Authority for £100,000 overdraft...  
...accommodation was proposed by Mr...  
...P. H. Donegan, seconded by Mr. K...  
...M. Clery, and given unanimously.

### ECHO OF MOTOR TRAGEDY

### How Passenger Lost His Life

### FULL STORY AT INQUEST

### No Suspicion Of Foul Play

THAT the condition of the lungs...  
...indicated that the deceased...  
...was alive at the time of the fire...  
...was stated by Dr. John P. Burke...  
...Croom, in the course of his evi-  
...dence at the inquest held at Bruff...  
...on Wednesday, by Dr. John P...  
...Clery, Coroner for East Limerick...  
...and a Jury (Foreman, Mr. A...  
...O'Shaughnessy) on Patrick...  
...O'Brien, aged 26, unmarried lab-  
...ourer of Rockbjrton, Bruff, who...  
...was burned to death when the...  
...motor car in which he was a pas-  
...senger took fire at Rahin, Bruff...  
...on the morning of the 13th October...  
...last.

The condition of the lungs...  
...indicated that the deceased...  
...was alive at the time of the fire...  
...Abdominal organs appeared nor-  
...mal. From this examination they...  
...formed the opinion that the cause...  
...of death was shock and asphyxia...  
...due to burning. No evidence of...  
...other injury could be found on the...  
...body.  
...Mr. Mitchell—Did the stomach...  
...organs show that he had taken...  
...any alcohol?  
...Witness—You could not tell that...  
...after a fire.  
...Mr. Power, at this stage, said...  
...that the report of Dr. McGrath...  
...the State Pathologist says exactly...  
...the same as that of Dr. Burke.

### DROVE TO HERBERTSTOWN.

John O'Keefe, Rahin, said he...  
...was with David Harnett on the...  
...12th October, having met him at...  
...about 3 p.m. at Riordan's licensed...  
...premises at Holycross. "We had a...  
...few drinks there and continued...  
...drinking in various places up to...  
...nearly closing time, when we ar-  
...rived back at Riordan's, where we...  
...met the deceased, Patrick O'Brien...  
...He was sober and had one drink...  
...with us and then we went on to...  
...Herbertstown. David Harnett...  
...driving the car. Harnett and...  
...myself were in good form. I...  
...have an idea that we had a few...  
...drinks in Herbertstown, and we...  
...then left for home, Harnett driv-  
...ing. After hitting the fence at...  
...Ballingrigh, I went into the...  
...back of the car with O'Brien to...  
...keep the weight off the left front...  
...wheel, which was punctured. I was...  
...smoking. I was dropped at my own...  
...house. Deceased got out to let...  
...me out and I did not see him get-  
...ting in. All three of us had a very...  
...friendly and pleasant evening."

### TO MR. COLLINS—O'BRIEN WAS A STRANGER TO HARNETT UNTIL I INTRODUCED HIM AT RIORDAN'S. I THINK HE WAS DECEASED SUGGESTED GOING TO HERBERTSTOWN, BUT I AM NOT SURE.

To Mr. Mitchell—The car moved...  
...off after he had got out and there...  
...was nobody on the road.  
...To the Coroner—He had a good...  
...deal of drink taken but he remem-  
...bered everything. Harnett was a...  
...bit dopey from drink.

### SERGEANT'S EVIDENCE.

Sergt. Patrick Connolly, Lime-  
...rick, Traffic Inspector, said that...  
...he examined this particular car...  
...on the 13th and 14th October and...  
...found the internal portion of the...  
...body completely destroyed by fire...  
...the fire being most extensive on...  
...the rear portion of the car. He...  
...found an empty two gallon petrol...  
...tin at the rear of the car. The...  
...filler head appeared to have been...  
...blown off and the body of the tin...  
...was distorted. He observed the...  
...charred remains of a male person...  
...in a sitting position on left front...  
...of car, with the back of his head...  
...and shoulders resting against the...  
...instrument panel or dashboard.

To Mr. Mitchell—He could not...  
...say how the fire originated. It...  
...could be caused by short circuit in...  
...the wiring. He did not think a...  
...passenger in the car would have...  
...got burned if the person in charge...  
...of the car was in a normal frame...  
...of mind.

### DRIVER OF MOTOR CAR EXAMINED.

David Harnett, Meanus, Bruff...  
...Chemist, said that on the 12th...  
...October, he went to Riordan's...  
...pubhouse in Holycross in the...  
...early morning, driving a four...  
...seater motor car. He had some...  
...drinks there and was joined later...  
...by John O'Keefe and they drove...  
...around to three publichouses. "I...  
...do not remember meeting O'Brien...  
...or going to Herbertstown. I have...  
...no clear recollection of what hap-  
...pened that evening. I remember...  
...getting out of the car while it was...  
...stationary and where it was burned...  
...I was asleep in the car and I woke...  
...up and could not see because of...  
...smoke. I got out and almost im-  
...mediately the car was in flames. I...  
...stood looking at it and saw that...  
...I could not do anything about it...  
...I walked on for a while and sat...  
...down and waited to see if some-  
...body would turn up. I agree with...  
...the evidence of Mrs. Burke. When...  
...she first mentioned to me that...  
...there was a body in the car I...  
...thought it was the dash that was...  
...charred into that position, and it...  
...was when I put in my hand that I...  
...realised with a shock that it was...  
...a body. I did not know Mr. O'Brien...  
...before and did not know he was...  
...in the car when I left it owing to...  
...the smoke. I do not usually drink...  
...but I had a lot of drink that day...  
...mostly whiskey.

### DOCTOR'S EVIDENCE.

Dr. John P. Burke, Croom, said...  
...that on the 14th October, he as-  
...sisted Dr. McGrath, State Pathologist...  
...in the carrying out of a post mor-  
...tem on the remains of the de-  
...ceased. The body was extremely...  
...charred, the surface being burnt...  
...to a cinder all over. The gross...  
...burning and charring was in front...  
...but the back was also burned ex-  
...tensively, practically all the...  
...clothes and skin being burnt off...  
...One portion of the surface of the...  
...skin which had remained intact...  
...was that of the left buttock where...  
...it had rested against the floor...  
...board, thus indicating that the...  
...major part of the burning took...  
...place after the deceased had...  
...reached the position in which the...  
...body was found. The projecting...  
...parts and angles of the body, that...  
...is, both knees, both hands and the...  
...face and head were partly burnt...  
...away, and the left leg had...  
...fallen off at the knee. The abdomen...  
...had ruptured and the intestines...  
...protruded through the left side...  
...The clothes had been burnt almost...  
...entirely off the body except part...  
...of the shirt and coat and braces...  
...on the shoulders and back of the...  
...neck. This was where the back of...  
...the neck had rested against the...  
...dashboard of the car indicating...  
...that the major burning and heat...  
...had come from the interior and...  
...back of the car and not from the...  
...engine compartment. The bent...  
...arms and the position that the...  
...hands, which were almost com-  
...pletely burnt off, must have occu-  
...pied suggested strongly that they...  
...had been held up to protect the...  
...face. The lungs were shrunken...  
...and rubber-like, the heart was...  
...normal, blood pink, the wind...  
...pipes contained bright pink blood...  
...stained mucous with black carbon

### DEATH ACCIDENTAL.

In the course of an address to...  
...the Jury, the Coroner said that he...  
...was sure if Harnett knew O'Brien...  
...was in the car he would have...  
...helped to get him out. Dr. Mc-  
...Grath's report was that there...  
...was absolutely no suspicion of foul...  
...play of any kind.  
...The Jury returned a verdict that...  
...deceased died from shock and as-  
...phyxia due to burning while in a...  
...motor car and that death was...  
...accidental.  
...The Coroner, Mr. A. O'Shaugh-  
...nessy, Mr. Collins and Mr. Power...  
...on behalf of himself and Gardai...  
...expressed sympathy with the relatives...  
...and Mr. Mitchell thanked all for...  
...their sympathy on this unfortunate...  
...occurrence which resulted in the...  
...death of this man.  
...Mr. Power said that he wished...  
...on behalf of the Gardai to thank...  
...Mrs. Burke for the great assistance...  
...she had given on the occasion.

### COAL OR TURF?

### Fuel For Public Institutions

ROSCOMMON Co. Council does not...  
...want any local authority in the...  
...country to use imported coal for...  
...use in institutions.

Limerick Co. Council, at its meet-  
...ing on Saturday, had before it the...  
...following resolution from Roscom-  
...mon:—"That no coal but Irish coal...  
...be burned in our institutions or...  
...road plants, and that no foreign...  
...coal be advertised for."

Mr. J. C. Barrett proposed that...  
...the resolution be marked "read,"...  
...and that the Council substitute it...  
...by a new motion calling on other...  
...County Councils to burn only turf.

Chairman J. W. Cauty—Sure...  
...we're burning both coal and turf...  
...at the moment.  
...Mr. J. Mackey—When we were...  
...burning turf only, our efforts were...  
...abused.

Mr. Barrett—Which is the most...  
...economical—coal or turf?  
...Mr. J. J. King, Chief Officer...  
...Public Health Department, said he...  
...could not say. In the County Home...  
...at Newcastle West turf only was...  
...burned.

Mr. J. J. McNamara—Ask the Co...  
...Surgeon what the conditions in the...  
...Croom County Hospital were like...  
...during the war when they were...  
...trying to heat the institution with...  
...turf. For years the patients were...  
...dying of cold.

Mr. Mackey—If we got dry turf...  
...it would be most economical. But...  
...when we're buying turf by weight...  
...the seller will put water through it...  
...if it is dry.  
...The Council took no action on...  
...the Roscommon resolution.

### "THE LEADER" CHRISTMAS NUMBER

The Christmas Number of "The...  
...Leader" (Dublin), which will be on...  
...sale on 10th December, price 9d.,...  
...contains very varied and interesting...  
...articles.

Of interest to members of the...  
...G.A.A. and followers is Seamus O...  
...Braonain's contribution, "Gaelic...  
...Football and Hurling: To-day and...  
...Yesterday." The writer is well qual-  
...ified to discuss the subject, as he...  
...played on the teams which won the...  
...All-Ireland for Dublin in 1902, 1906...  
...1907 and 1908, and has been an in-  
...terested spectator at most of the...  
...important games for years. Lennox...  
...Robinson has something to say on...  
...adjudicating rural drama in Scariff...  
...and elsewhere, and Christine Long-  
...ford, a dramatist of distinction, de-  
...scribes a playwright's feelings be-  
...fore the rise of the curtain on a...  
...First Night. "Ring College Re-  
...Visited" should appeal to all past-  
...pupils of Iolscoil na Mumhan. That...  
...Carmel Flynn can write as attractively...  
...as she can paint is apparent from...  
...her article, "Painting in Cork...  
...City." Michael Gorman writes on...  
...Theatre and P. W. Hickey on Art.

Other contributors include Oliver...  
...MacDonagh, Benedict Kieley and...  
...Prof. Byrne-Costigan.

### GIFT FOR POOR

A cheque for £25 for the Court...  
...poor box was handed to District...  
...Justice Mangan in the Dublin Dis-  
...trict Court on Friday on behalf of...  
...Coras Iompair Eireann.

### TWO SURGEONS

### Orthopaedic Service

AT a recent conference in Cork...  
...Kerry and Cork Co. Council rep-  
...resentatives favoured the appointing...  
...of two orthopaedic surgeons to...  
...man two Munster Regions—one in...  
...Limerick and one in Cork—under...  
...the Health Department's suggested...  
...Regional Orthopaedic Scheme. And...  
...at its meeting on Saturday the...  
...Limerick County Council had a...  
...letter from the Department of...  
...Health asking if it agreed with the...  
...outcome of the conference.

The letter said that the Cork and...  
...Kerry County Councils and the...  
...Public Assistance Authority in Cork...  
...favoured the appointment of two...  
...orthopaedic surgeons.

"They suggest," said the letter...  
...that one surgeon should be...  
...appointed for Cork City and County...  
...and Kerry County. If this pro-  
...posal is approved a second surgeon...  
...would be required to serve Lime-  
...rick City and County and Clare...  
...County. I am to enquire whether...  
...you agree to this proposal."

"Of course, we do," said Chair-  
...man J. W. Cauty. "Weren't we the...  
...first to suggest at both the Lime-  
...rick and Cork conferences that the...  
...two surgeons be appointed?"  
...Without discussion the Council...  
...unanimously approved of the De-  
...partment's suggestion.

### DIDN'T SEE GUARD

### BUT THE GUARD SAW HIM

Christopher Naughton, Rock-  
...vale, Tubber, was fined 2/6 at...  
...Ennis Court on Friday in respect...  
...of inadequate lights on a motor...  
...car after lighting-up time and 10/-...  
...for failing to stop when a Guard...  
...signalled him to do so.

Mr. E. Monahan, solicitor, de-  
...fending, admitted the offences but...  
...pleaded that Mr. Naughton had...  
...not seen the Guard, who might...  
...have been invisible to the motorist...  
...as he stood between the lights of...  
...two street lamps and signalled...  
...with a flashlight of his own.

Guard M. McDonagh said the...  
...motorist was going slowly and...  
...must have seen him. Witness had...  
...to telephone to Crusheen to have...  
...Mr. Naughton stopped there. Mr...  
...Naughton started off at Ennis...  
...without switching on his lights...  
...but did so on being signalled to...  
...stop and kept moving until halted...  
...at Crusheen.

### THE COURTHOUSES

### MAINTENANCE QUESTION

Limerick Co. Council agrees with...  
...the Leitrim Co. Council that the...  
...maintenance of Courthouses should...  
...be the responsibility of the State...  
...and not of the local authority.

The Council had before its meet-  
...ing on Saturday a resolution from...  
...the Leitrim body calling on the...  
...Minister to bring in legislation...  
...making the provision and mainte-  
...nance of Courthouses a State charge.

Proposing that the resolution be...  
...adopted, Chairman J. W. Cauty...  
...said: "They're getting enough...  
...money in fines and things like that...  
...to be able to maintain their own...  
...institutions."  
...The Leitrim resolution was adop-  
...ted unanimously.

THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF  
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