

LIGHT IN RIVER
Uses Of Torch And Gaff

SALMON JUMPING ON FLOOR

THE uses of torch and gaff for the illegal capture of fish were mentioned in "poaching" prosecutions heard by Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., at Abbeyfeale District Court. Limerick Fishery Board, represented by Mr. J. S. O'Reilly, solicitor, charged Maurice Greaney, of Abaneboy, Broana, with a breach of the fishery laws on 16th November in the Ciydagh. Water-Keeper Gleeson said he saw a light in the river about 8 o'clock, and two men on the bank and another in the river. As he approached them they ran and he caught the defendant. He found a torch and a gaff near the river.

WENT TO SEE THE "CARRY ON."

Defendant said he was coming from work and he met the men coming to the river with a torch and gaff, and he turned with them to see the carry on. He knew it was fishing illegally, and he was standing on the bank and then ran away.

Justice—Is there much of this illegal fishing going on now?

Water-Keeper—Not so much now. Justice (to defendant)—Fined £2 and £2 2s. costs, and if you come again it will be £10.

Thomas and Richard Moloney, of Glounakeel, were also charged with illegal fishing on 30th of November in the small river beside their home. Water-Keeper Gleeson said that while going along the road he saw a light in the river. He got close to them and saw them wading through several fords. He knew the men.

LIVE SALMON ON FLOOR.

They left the river and went into the house, and he followed them. The door was locked, and when he got in the defendants were taking off their waders, and he saw a salmon jumping on the floor. They had a torch and gaff, but didn't give them up.

Replying to Mr. M. J. Wouffe, solicitor, who defended, witness said it was about 7 o'clock and was dark, but by the light of the torch he saw their faces plainly. They were both in the river.

Mr. Wouffe—I suggest one of the men was not in the river? Witness—They were both there.

ONLY ONE BROTHER GUILTY.

Thomas Moloney said he went out that night with a sod of turf with oil stuck on a pike and he had a wire gaff, which he made himself. He got a salmon and took him into the house. There was no one with him and he had only "bottom waders." He never did this before.

Mr. Wouffe—We admit guilt on the part of the one brother only.

Mr. O'Reilly—Under the circumstances I don't press for a heavy penalty.

Justice—I have been always warning them against this destructive form of poaching, but it seems to have little effect. I fine Thomas Moloney £2 and £3 3s. costs. The case against Richard is struck out.

ALLEGED ATTACK ON GUARD

ACCUSED REMANDED ON BAIL

"A number of men surrounded a Civic Guard on the night of the 8th inst. and tried to beat him up in the dark."

This was the allegation made in the District Court at Ennis on Friday by Supt. J. S. Flynn, prosecuting in a case in which a young man named Cornelius (Corney) Flanagan, of Kilvooydane North, Quin, was charged with assaulting and obstructing Guard John McCormack in the execution of his duty. He added that the case was a serious one and investigations were still in progress, so that he was applying for an adjournment.

Mr. I. M. Houllihan, solr., defending, said that of course the charge was a serious one if proved, but it could not be proved against his client, who was asserting his complete innocence. He did not object to an adjournment, but submitted that bail should be allowed.

After formal evidence by Sergeant Patrick Laffan, Quin, the defendant was remanded on bail, which Justice Gordon Hurley fixed at £200 with two sureties of £100 each, and which was immediately forthcoming. The hearing was fixed for 13th January.

HARBOUR BOARD
Arthur's Quay

FLOODING AND TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTION

MR. M. W. McGUIRE, B.C., Chairman, presided at the meeting of Limerick Harbour Board to-day. The other members present were—Senator Martin O'Dwyer, Messrs. A. O'Dwyer, S. J. K. Rofcroft, M. Sheahan, P. J. Donnellan, B.C.; P. E. O'Malley, J. P. Goodbody.

A letter was read from the Dublin Port and Docks Board stating that they had nominated Mr. Percy McGrath for membership of the Executive Committee of the Dock and Harbour Authorities Association for the ensuing year as representative of the members of the Ports of the Republic of Ireland. The Board asked the Limerick Board to approve of the nomination.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Malley, seconded by Mr. O'Keefe, it was unanimously decided to approve of the nomination.

ARTHUR'S QUAY.

Mr. Donnellan asked if it were possible that the flooding of houses at Arthur's Quay was caused by the water from the river percolating through the quay wall.

Harbour Engineer—No, sir. The flooding of Arthur's Quay is caused by the sewer traps and these are not our responsibility.

Mr. Donnellan said that the Corporation were anxious to have the mooring posts at Arthur's Quay removed, as they were an obstruction to traffic. The mooring posts were outside the iron rail guard.

The Engineer said that the removal of the posts was a matter for the Harbour Board.

The Harbour Master said that the posts could be removed, as he did not intend to use the Arthur's Quay berth again.

OBSTRUCTION TO TRAFFIC.

Engineer—I think we should remove the posts, as they are an obstruction to traffic. I can have a couple of light rings inserted into the quay wall to act as mooring posts for small craft.

On the proposition of Mr. Donnellan, it was unanimously decided to give authority to the Engineer to remove the existing mooring posts.

Answering Mr. O'Malley, the Engineer said that part of the roadway at Arthur's Quay used as a parking station was not the property of the Harbour Board, and, therefore, it was not the concern of the Board to provide a protecting railing between the roadway and the quay for cars.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The Manager read Christmas greetings from the Belfast Harbour Board.

Mr. Donnellan—And these we heartily reciprocate.

Chairman—Yes, and I wish to avail of the opportunity to extend seasonal greetings to my colleagues, the officials, and the Press. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. It is our ardent hope that the future of the port is one of great prosperity.

ROSARY IN PRISON

PRACTICE IN LIMERICK JAIL

The Rosary is recited every evening in Limerick Co. Gaol since last January, the prisoners forfeiting half-an-hour of exercise time to participate in the prayers. To see the men kneeling and responding is a truly edifying sight. They pray for the conversion of Russia, for the welfare of Ireland and intercede to Our Lady for the graces she has promised to bestow on those who seek her help through recitation of the Rosary.

In other prisons members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society attend nightly to help in this devotion, but in Limerick the prisoners themselves conduct the prayers.

Since the introduction of this beautiful practice, almost all those in prison attend Confession and receive Holy Communion weekly, and great credit is due to the man who first suggested and had carried out the evening Rosary and who is being released on Christmas Eve. It is the intention of those remaining to continue the Rosary, for which too much praise could not be given them.

I.C.A. BIRTHDAY PARTY

CAUGHT AGAIN
Robinson Under Arrest

FOUND IN PARENTS' HOME

A LONDON message says that Cecil Robinson, who escaped from Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum a fortnight ago, and who yesterday, following his re-capture, eluded his escort at Crewe Station, was this morning apprehended in his parents' home at Hedge Lane, Hartford, after 12 hours freedom. Crews Station, where he made his successful bid for freedom, is 12 miles distant from Hartford.

Early to-day a C.I.D. Detective-Sergeant and other policemen entered the house of Robinson's parents, where they apprehended him. Robinson was unshaven and only partially dressed.

When taken into custody he asked permission to shave, but this request was refused. He was then conveyed to Crewe Police Station, where he was given breakfast.

The members of the Gardai escort who had crossed to England to bring Robinson back arrived at Dun Laoghaire this morning.

When the authorities got word that the prisoner had been re-captured arrangements were made for another escort to go to England by air. It is expected that Robinson, with his escort, will arrive at Dun Laoghaire to-night.

EIGHTEEN YEARS

SENTENCE ON FIELD-MARSHAL

A Hamburg message received to-day states that Field-Marshal Manstein was found guilty on nine charges of war crimes out of 17 preferred against him. He was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment.

"LEADER'S" CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

THE week-end issue of the "Limerick Leader" will be published as usual next Friday, December 23. There will be no publication on St. Stephen's Day, but normal publication will be resumed with our evening edition on Wednesday, December 28. Our offices and works will be closed from 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve until 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

Will correspondents and advertisers please let us have copy as early as possible?

ST. JOHN'S BOY SCOUTS

The annual investiture was held recently at the Scout Den and the Chaplain, Rev. W. Mullins, C.C., invested the following 3rd Limerick—J. Hickey, T. Gough, P. Tydings, J. Moore and D. Heffernan. 14th Limerick—M. McCormack, D. Conlan, J. MacNamara, B. Short, A. Judge, N. Costelloe, P. Collins, H. Callaghan.

Second-class and Merit and Service Star Badges were awarded.

Inter-Patrol competition was won by Fox Patrol (P/L C. Carey), 3rd Limerick. Inter-Patrol competition for the 14th Limerick was won by P/L M. McCormack (Stag Patrol).

We are preparing for the Christmas and New Year celebrations. We take this opportunity to wish all fellow officers and scouts a merry Christmas and a happy and good scouting for the New Year.

M. LYNCH, A.S.M.

14th Limerick, St. John's C.B.S.I.

MORE LIGHT BUT NOT ENOUGH

Following consistent and continuous representations by the Hospital Guild of Muintir na Tire over a number of years concerning the inadequacy of the public lighting in Hospital, which was considered the worst lighted town in Co. Limerick within the past few years (writes our Hospital correspondent), four additional lamps have been provided. This, however, is felt to be far below the requirements of the town, and no lamp at all has been provided in the Knockalney road area. The Hospital Guild of Muintir na Tire

WARM TRIBUTES
Late Mr. O'Donnell, Co.C.

MEETING ADJOURNED

HIGH tributes were paid to the late Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Co.C., at the meeting of the Limerick County Committee of Agriculture on Saturday, Mr. P. Fitzsimons, Co.C., Chairman, presiding.

Mr. J. W. Carty (Chairman, Co. Council) said that since their last meeting they had lost one of their oldest members—Mr. Michael O'Donnell—whose death had occurred in the meantime. The late Mr. O'Donnell was an excellent public representative for many years, and though some of them differed from him in politics—which did not matter much, if anything at all—they all admired him for his sound judgment, broadmindedness and consistent attention to his public duties. He personally deeply deplored Mr. O'Donnell's death and he desired to say that he would have attended the funeral only that he was absent in Dublin at the time. As a mark of respect to the memory of their dead colleague he proposed that the meeting be adjourned.

ABLE ADMINISTRATOR.

Mr. D. J. Madden, T.D., seconding the proposition, said that he wanted to join in the tribute paid by the Chairman of the County Council to the late Mr. O'Donnell. He was associated 35 years ago with the deceased in the national movement and though, in later years, they differed in their political opinions, they continued to enjoy the confidence and respect of each other right up to the end. He could not speak too highly of Mr. O'Donnell's public services. He was a very able administrator, but he was also very fair in his comments and observations on matters relating to administration. Mr. O'Donnell, was always solicitous for the ratepayers, but his actions were dictated on broad principles. His death was a great loss to the County Council and to the people he represented so faithfully and well. "I regret," said Mr. Madden, "that it was not possible for me to be present at the funeral, as I could not get away from the Dail that day."

Mr. P. Maguire said that every member of the Council admired Mr. O'Donnell for the man he was—straightforward and independent.

GRAND TYPE OF MAN.

Mr. Sean Hayes said that the late Mr. O'Donnell was a grand type of man, and by his death the Council would be much the poorer.

Mr. P. J. Lillis said that he wished to extend his sympathy to the bereaved family. The late Mr. O'Donnell possessed great national characteristics, traits that were reflected both in his public and private life. He was, too, a very able administrator, one of their very best. His death was a severe blow not only to his family but to the County Council as well.

Mr. D. McAuliffe said that the late Mr. O'Donnell was one of the finest men he had ever met. No man could prove himself to be a greater friend than Mr. O'Donnell, and in saying that he (Mr. McAuliffe) had given expression to his innermost feelings.

Mr. J. J. McNamara—I regret Mr. O'Donnell's death very sincerely. He was a grand old man, a man who was a loyal colleague and a genuine friend.

SIGNAL SERVICES.

Mr. P. T. McCarthy said that it would be difficult to get a finer type of man than their dead colleague, who had rendered signal services to the community over a long number of years.

Declaring the meeting adjourned, the Chairman said that Mr. O'Donnell's memory would remain with them for many years. The least tribute they could pay his memory was by the adjournment of the meeting, a tribute that was altogether inadequate.

Mr. M. Gleeson, C.A.O., said that he would convey to the bereaved family an expression of the Committee's sincere sympathy. On his own behalf and that of the staff he desired to be associated with the tributes paid to the deceased, tributes that were richly deserved. The meeting then adjourned.

ASKEATON HAS Y.F.C.

A large meeting was held in the National School, Askeaton, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Young Farmers Club. Rev. Father O'Dea, C.C., presided.

Messrs. O'Callaghan and Wall, organisers, of Feenagh, were in attendance, also Mr. P. Fitzsimons, M.C.C.

The organisers outlined the functions of the Young Farmers Clubs and pointed out the advantage of

'BUS DRIVERS
Call Attention To Grievance

STREET "BARRICADES"

AT the December meeting of the 'Bus Drivers' Section of the Limerick No. 4 Branch of the National Union of Railwaymen, held in the Mechanics' Institute, the following resolution, proposed by Brother Conway, was carried unanimously:—"That the Corporation should show more consideration for the men who serve the public as 'bus drivers. William St. corner, which can be a very busy spot at times, was practically closed for the purpose of putting down metal studs for pedestrian crossings. It was almost impossible to get around the "barricades" as two roads were closed at the same time. While not wanting to slow down progress in this modern Atomic age, we are of opinion that this work could have waited until after the Christmas rush. If this work could not then be done on the half day, at night, etc., we would expect that, at least, it could be speeded up by using more modern equipment than that being used at the moment, i.e., a pointed iron bar and heavy sledge hammer. It is rather amusing (but not from the City 'bus drivers' point of view, as we have a set time table to run to and have to pass William St. junction more than a score times per day) to have an up-to-date set of traffic lights and yet drill holes in roadway by the above mentioned method."

If space is available in your popular paper we would also draw attention to some other instances of what we feel could be done in a more business-like manner.

At the junction of Carey's road there is another "barricade," which, at times, is not (in our opinion) properly lighted with red warning lights. Also Nicholas St. Will this street be "up" for the remainder of this century? — J. McGovern, Branch Secretary.

TO TAKE UP FARMING

GARDA SERGEANT RETIRES

The retirement, after 27 years service, of Sergeant William McEnery, of the Garda Siochana, recalls his association, and other members of his family, with Gaelic athletics in West Limerick in the past (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent). Sergeant McEnery was a son of "Big Jim McEnery," of Kinconlea, Abbeyfeale, who was the leader of the old Father Casey G.A.A. football team, which won the county championship cup on more than one occasion. Later, the Sergeant kept up the traditions of the family, for his uncle, Mick McEnery, was also one of the stalwarts of the old team, who used to meet the Limerick Commercials, captained by Albe Quillinan, in a number of the county finals. Sergeant McEnery joined the Garda at the outset in 1922, and for years was associated with the technical service, as photographer and draughtsman, and in his earlier days distinguished himself as a sturdy member of the Abbeyfeale football team. He has now retired to take up farming in the Tournafulla district, where his many friends of the old days wish him the best of luck in the years of his retirement.

TWO MINUTES LATE

CLAIMS AGAINST MONEY IN COURT

At the Circuit Court in Ennis on Friday in an equity suit concerning the payment of Court of monies due to a number of creditors out of the purchase price of a farm sold in the Ballyvaughan district.

Mr. John Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Mr. A. J. O'Flynn, solr.) submitted a list of the payments to be made in order of priority. There were sufficient funds to satisfy the first six claims in full. The sixth and seventh items were judgment mortgages. But the seventh was not registered with the Revistry of Deeds until two minutes after the registration of the sixth and only £10 15s. 9d. was available to meet a debt of £15. Judge Barra O'Brien made an order for payment in accordance with the schedule submitted by Counsel.

BACK TO HIS MISSION

TOWN TOPICS

CHRISTMAS WEEK.

WE have entered upon Christmas week and, as might be expected, the streets are unusually animated up to-day. Should the weather be favourable, it is hoped that, during the next five days, we will realise the most favourable expectations of traders, generally speaking, that there has been very good. There is no half-holiday on Thursday but next week all retail shops are closed for three days—Tuesday and Wednesday. Shopkeepers should, therefore, take precaution of having their well stocked. But as Christmas there is scarcely any need to give such a reminder.

STILL WAITING.

Limerick is still waiting for the appointment of car park attendants—men who will take care of cars and their contents stationary at the different centres. For some reason not apparent the Garda are not partial to such appointments, though they are very successful in Dublin and elsewhere. Car park attendants are not a charge on the rates or public funds. They depend on motorists for tips, and no one would grudge a shilling to a petent and careful attendant. Dublin the attendants collect a sum each week, especially in the summer months. The day one of these men at court that his earnings are £16 per week in the height of the season.

TANNING INDUSTRY.

It is stated that because of a number of hides available in the country are not sufficient for our tanneries in full production will be necessary to import a considerable quantity. But as hides are dearer than the product, an increase in the price of leather is spoken of in circles connected with the tanning industry. Different reasons are put forward to explain the hide shortage, but it is stated that we are exporting live cattle; and another reason is the demand for leather, since we are to manufacture our own footwear out of all proportion to the amount used to be.

A BUSY MINISTER.

The Minister for Local Government, Mr. M. J. Keyes, T.D., on the move, going from place to place opening new housing schemes. On Saturday he was in County Kerry in the week he found himself away up in Castleblayney as Mr. Keyes is a good traveller and blessed with a fine sense of humour, all these demands of time do not upset him in the least. By the way, a political writer in a daily newspaper that can be accused of being partial to the Coalition, paid a very nice compliment a few days ago to Mr. Keyes, the capable and efficient administrator which he was administering the Department and, also, for the manner in which he was reporting himself in the Dail.

HOME AGAIN.

Miss Helen Broderick, popular Limerick lady and Cruise's Hotel, has returned following a prolonged stay in the United States. Her visit to America was made specially to gain experience in hotel management and during her two months she made an extended tour of the country. In Boston she spent time behind the scenes at the Hotel Statler and Parker. From there she went to the Commander, Dumbridge, and up with the Hotel Taft at Waldorf Astoria, New York. Broderick received a very welcome home from her many friends in the city.