

OFFICIAL RESIGNS Tributes To Mr. Stundon APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR Principle Of Promotion Applied

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AT Killaloe District Court on Monday, before Justice J. G. Hurley, B.L., Walter Stanley Duke, Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe, made application in respect of a special exemption order to sell intoxicating liquor on the 20th December from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Supt. Lavan opposed the application on the grounds that there could be no special occasion for a proprietor who held his own dance as in the present case. Justice—It means that if this application is granted anyone who holds a licence to hold a dance may be granted a special occasion licence in respect of intoxicating liquor.

Supt.—That is the position. Justice—The occasion must exist outside of the proprietor. Supt.—The purpose is to create a special occasion. JUSTICE HAD DISCRETION. Mr. C. N. Murray, solicitor, for the applicant, said that according to the Circuit Court Judge he understood that almost any occasion could be a special occasion. In connection with the present application a dance was being held in the Lakeside Hotel on St. Stephen's Night and it was an occasion that people patronising the dance would like liquor refreshment. The Justice had discretion to ascertain that the occasion was a special one, and in view of the fact that it was St. Stephen's Night he would grant the application in these particular circumstances.

The Justice said that in applications such as that before him he had to take into account what the Superintendent had to say as he was in charge of the area in which the application was made. The Superintendent was of the opinion that it would not be right to grant the application, but he (Justice) would grant it this time. If an application of the same kind were made in future he (Justice) would recommend that the applicants consult the Superintendent in the matter beforehand as he (Justice) intended to comply with the Superintendent in such applications in future.

Supt. I would like to have the sale of drinks terminated half-an-hour before the dance concludes. Justice—Very well—10 p.m. to 2.30 a.m. PLEA OF GUILTY. John Christopher Hogan (19), Newtown, Killaloe, was charged with the larceny of a fountain pen value 30/-, the property of Mary Cronin, Ballina, Killaloe. A plea of guilty having been made, Superintendent Lavan outlined the case and said that the defendant was in the licensed premises of Mary Cronin, where he had a pint of cider. The owner had occurred behind the counter, and the defendant took it away with him. It was reported shortly afterwards that the pen was missing, and the Guards followed the defendant to his house. The defendant was showing the pen to his father at the time he left the shop, and he got it from a stranger boy for 2/-.

Supt.—This boy is entirely irresponsible and his mother says she will do her best to look after him from this on. There being no previous conviction the Justice allowed the defendant off under the Probation of Offenders Act.

SUSPENSORY SENTENCE. William RJordan, Cullinagh, Killaloe, was convicted of assault, and the Justice imposed a suspensory sentence of two months imprisonment.

THEN AND NOW CONTRAST IN WHISKEY PRICES (To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Dear Sir—In your issue of December 10th, you published a writer who signs himself "Cruiskeen Lawn," in which he states: "Gone are the days when you could get your 1-glass of whiskey for 2d. I herewith enclose a page taken from an old ledger kept in the time of my grandfather, the late Patrick Madigan, Charleville, exactly 100 years ago. You can see by same that a gallon of best Irish whiskey could be purchased then for the very small sum of 6/6, while there were two other brands at 5/6 per gal. The other, which came under the title of spirits, worked out at the nominal sum of 4/3 per gallon. Just note how copiously it was drunk at the time, as you will see that a half a gallon was purchased every second or third day by the family whose name heads the account. There are other names also through its pages which record similar purchases. I personally think that the Government ought to have a controlled price for whiskey at the present time, or else the publicans ought strike one universal charge. "Cruiskeen Lawn" states that he paid as much as 1/7 for a half glass, while a writer in the "Independent," dated 18th inst., says that on his district Scotch whiskey is being retailed at 4/- a glass and Irish whiskey at 3/6. However, there is no fear that "the goose that lays the golden egg" will be killed, no matter how high the tax is put on by the Government. If we never drank a spoonful of the product, America is on the market to purchase not only all that we have, but also as much as we care to distill, as the powers that be are quite safe as regards their revenue.

I know that many of my readers will say: "God be with the good old days," when you could get your pint bottle full of best Irish whiskey for ten pence, and your gallon of Guinness flowing over for 10d. as well. MICHAEL MADIGAN. The Imperial, Rathkeale.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY. Richmond R.F.C. At a Committee meeting of Richmond Rugby Football Club, a vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. H. Ryan, Old Clare Street, on the death of his father, Mr. J. Ryan. R.I.P.

LARCENY OF FOUNTAIN PEN FOWL MARKET SLUMP IN PRICES EXTRA LIGHT FOUR MORE LAMPS FOR "DROM" WEST LIMERICK DOCTOR PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF 91 NEW BISHOP CONSECRATION CEREMONY GIFT FOR POPULAR TEACHER THREE FARMERS CHARGED UNLICENSED BULLS FINED £1 EACH ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES DEATH OF CO. COUNCIL EMPLOYEE

FOR the first time ever, people living in Prospect and Janesboro' will have a supply of gas this week. So the Limerick Leader was told by the Limerick Gas Engineer, Mr. F. K. Thomas, who said he wanted to allay fears that there would be restrictions in the supply of gas in Limerick at Christmas. Mr. Thomas said he had heard that several people were under the impression there would be a cutting down of gas supply in Limerick at the end of this week. "That is not so at all," he said. "There will be as full a supply of gas as our present mains will permit. The old plant at the Gas Works, and portion of the auxiliary plant, will be going full steam and holders should be able to get all the supply they want in most districts. The Engineer said that the new feeder mains to Prospect and Janesboro' laid down last year, were opened up to-day (Wednesday). The work done before he was a very much improved service in the two areas and numbers of people would be able to avail of facilities they never before had.

At the meeting of the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee held in the Municipal Technical Institute last night, at which Mr. P. J. Donnellan, B.C., presided, a suggestion to hold a Feis Tighe on St. Patrick's Day next was made. The C.E.O. (Mr. P. V. Twomey) said the idea was to develop the Irish language and customs. It was intended to hold a Feis Tighe on St. Patrick's Day and to have competitions in Irish conversation, singing, dancing and story-telling—Irish in every way. It was the intention to allot first prizes of 15/- each, and second and third prizes of 10/- and 5/- each. There would in all be 40 sets of prizes to the amount of 500. But, of course, he said they could not hold the Feis without money. Chairman—I think that it is a very commendable suggestion and it is a new departure in any case. 500 will not hurt us. Mr. O'Tuathigh—Will the competition be confined to the students? C.E.O.—Yes. We hope to have competitors from St. Anne's, the Technical School, and the two compulsory schools. It was unanimously agreed to recommend that a sum of 500 be given towards the staging of the Feis and to leave the arrangements in the hands of the staff. BONUS FOR GOOD SERVICE. On the proposition of Mr. McQuane, it was agreed to give a bonus of £50 to Mr. J. Whelan, teacher in the Engineering Class for the services which he rendered in erecting new machinery recently in the Institute. Mr. Hickey, on the proposition of Mr. O'Brien, caretaker of the Institute, and to Mr. Thomas Power, caretaker of St. Anne's Vocational School, as compensation for uniforms and overcoats which they did not receive in some past years, though the giving of such clothing was embodied in the terms of their employment.

SACTION. Dealing with correspondence, a letter was read from the Department sanctioning the appointment of Mr. Pierce Power as temporary whole-time teacher on the Committee's staff. A circular letter from the Department was read requesting that Vocational Committees ask their domestic economy teachers to point out to students the food value of honey. One member remarked that it was a sweet job. RECENT SUCCESSSES. The year was ended with successes gained by the Committee's students in the Departmental examinations. Second prize in Ireland for mathematics was won by a day student, Thomas Hogarty; while three night students gained their first prizes in Ireland, and they were Joseph McMahon (Elementary Commerce), Paul Hannan (Junior Practical Examination Painting and Decorating), and Patrick Hynes (Junior Writing and Decorating).

Mr. O'Connell—It is very satisfactory. Ald. Hartney—It shows that we have very efficient teachers. GOOD WISHES. Good wishes for Christmas and the New Year were extended to the members of the Committee and staffs by the Chairman. Mr. O'Connell, in reciprocating the good wishes, said he would like to congratulate the Chairman on the very able and efficient way in which he conducted the affairs of the Committee during the past year. SYMPATHY. Before the meeting terminated, sympathy was voted to Councillor M. E. O'Malley, son, and to Mr. S. Stewart, and the O'Malley family, while recent bereavement, and to the family and relatives of the late Thomas O'Brien and Christopher Gilligan.

NEW BISHOP CONSECRATION CEREMONY. Five hundred clergy were present in Westminster Cathedral to-day for the consecration of Most Rev. Dr. Corderoy as Bishop of South-west. The ceremony was performed by His Eminence Cardinal Griffin, who was assisted by Most Rev. Dr. Farren, Bishop of Derry, and Most Rev. Dr. Beck, Bishop of Tigua. The newly consecrated Bishop will later be enthroned in his own Cathedral.

GIFT FOR POPULAR TEACHER. On taking up residence at his newly built house, Mr. Sean Kelly, N.T., Monaleen, was recently presented with a very handsome wireless for Christmas by a group of friends of Muintir na Tire in the Parish of St. Patrick's and Monaleen. A deservedly popular sportsman, Sean in his younger days was a stalwart of the famous Young Ireland hurling team. He has many trophies on his sideboard from Castletroy Golf Club.

PRICES IN LIMERICK (To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Dear Sir—In the "Limerick Leader" of 14th inst., your correspondent, "Sleep No More," omitted to mention the most glaring charges—that is the exorbitant rates over-worked business men are compelled to pay, regardless as to whether trade is good or bad with them. We are a few shillings a month excessive electric light charges compared to charges for rates. "A RATEPAYER."

BELLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE. In conformity with the wishes of His Holiness the Pope, that Church bells should be rung all over the world to mark the opening of the Holy Year, the bell-ringers of Mount St. Alphonse, Limerick, were called to a special meeting at noon on Christmas Eve.

ROAD CRASH MORE TRIBUTES TOWN

TWO badly-injured men lay beside each other, unconscious, on the roadside. Two badly-smashed cars stood in the middle of the road. A man in a passing van told one of the injured men when he eventually became conscious that he couldn't go and get a doctor because he had two hysterical women in the van. That was a post accident scene described to Justice Kenny at Assizes District Court on Monday last when Thomas Guinane, Coolbeg, Kildimo, was charged with the dangerous driving of a car and with driving too far out from the left-hand side on the road. CRASH DESCRIBED. Replying to Supt. J. J. Cooney, who prosecuted, John Joseph Ryan, a Kildimo creamery clerk, said he and David O'Sullivan, of Ballykeefe, Mungret, were driving in a car belonging to witness's father from Kildimo to Limerick on the evening of August 11th last. It was getting dusk when they neared Court Cross. Driving along on his correct side of the road, with his right side-light on, witness saw the dark object approaching on its wrong side, travelling swiftly. He swerved to the margin on his own side as quickly as he possibly could, but could not avoid the oncoming, unlighted car, which was driven by the defendant. There was a crash, and witness's car was turned completely round, and through the left front door, which had been opened somehow, witness managed to scramble out and on to the grass margin where he collapsed, suffering badly from shock as well as pain. Before witness's last consciousness he saw David O'Sullivan alighting to the side of the road. O'Sullivan fell down beside witness and the two lost consciousness.

"ASKING FOR A DOCTOR." "When I recovered," went on witness, "I saw a van stopping, and heard David O'Sullivan groaning and asking for a doctor. I asked the man in the van to drive quickly to Ballykeefe to fetch a doctor and the Guards, but he said he couldn't because the two women passengers in the van had become hysterical. Soon afterwards the defendant, also showing signs of injury, came over and said to witness, 'Get me to hospital at all out of it without sending for the Guards?' to which the reply was "no." Witness added that as a result of the crash he spent several days in hospital. David O'Sullivan corroborated and said he was badly injured in the accident. He spent nearly three weeks in hospital being treated. "When I saw the dark object coming at us on its wrong side of the road, I made for the door," witness said. "I got out through the right-hand door before Ryan." Replying to Mr. M. E. O'Malley, solicitor, defending witness said that immediately after the crash he suffered more from shock than from his actual injuries. He was unconscious for some time on the roadside. Sgt. P. Spillane, Pallaskeery, said that when he arrived at Court Cross soon after the crash the Limerick-Foynes road was blocked to traffic by a large crowd of people that had gathered. DEFENDANT'S VERSION. The defendant said he was travelling slowly up the hill at Court Cross when Ryan's car, completely on its incorrect side, crashed into his car and kind of pulled the front of it across the road. There were no side-lights on the other car, and witness had been driving since 1938 and had never had a serious accident. Commenting on the genuine mistakes which people involved in crashes usually made in their disquisitions later on, the Justice said he believed that Ryan and Guinane were telling the truth about what happened. He, however, had to resort to the evidence of David O'Sullivan, who struck him as a most truthful young man, to get a true picture of the accident. Guinane, he thought, was wrong, but not so much as to warrant conviction on the dangerous driving charge. That would be dismissed on the merits. There would be a conviction and fine of £1 on the other charge, however. Guinane was ordered to pay 11 1/2 expenses.

UNLICENSED BULLS. At Newcastle West Court on Friday of last week, before Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., Michael Woulfe, farmer, Churchtown, Newcastle West, was summoned for driving an unlicensed bull in his possession. Mr. M. Power, State Solicitor, prosecuted, and the defendant was represented by Mr. R. J. Cussen, solicitor. Evidence for the prosecution was given at a previous Court, when the defendant explained that the animal was delicate, and that as a result he delayed complying with the law. The Justice said that in future in that Court any defendant in a road traffic case who did not come to Court or send an excuse would have to pay £1 no matter how small the charge. Too many people thought too little of reasonably serious offences, and should be taught a lesson. "My minimum for those who don't appear is £1," he added. There were dozens of summonses for small offences against motorists in the area. DEATH OF CO. COUNCIL EMPLOYEE. Mr. J. L. O'Sullivan, Limerick County Council road ganger, native of Ardara, Co. Limerick, whose funeral took place at the Limerick Cemetery on Sunday, was one of the founders of Kilmallock Agricultural Show and Ardara Park and Killinane Coursing Club (writes our Kilmallock correspondent) in the employment of Limerick County Council for 40 years.

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Mr. O'Connell proposed that Mr. Stundon be given a testimonial. Mr. O'Connell said that he had worked with Mr. Stundon for 26 years and during that time he found him intelligent, loyal and faithful to his work and under his direction he worked under. We hate to lose him in the circumstances.

Mr. McQuane—in view of the service which he gave this Committee I recommend that we add four years to the 26 years for pension purposes.

Mr. O'Connell—I propose that we add 8 years as it would bring him within the age limit. Mr. Cusack seconded. The C.E.O. pointed out that the addition of years would be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government.

Mr. Whelan—I think that we should give him the maximum amount of years possible, which would be 9 years in this case. Ald. Hartney—I think that 8 years is fair.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend that 34 years of pensionable service be taken into account, and the lump sum which Mr. Stundon was entitled to also.

FILLING OF VACANCY. Dealing with the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Stundon, the Chairman asked Miss Murphy if she had been acting in the position since Mr. Stundon became ill. Mr. Whelan said that Miss Murphy was acting in a temporary capacity at the present time and he would suggest that she continue to act until the position is advertised. There were a large number of men in the city looking for employment and at a meeting of the Corporation recently he learned that there were 63 applicants for the same Corporation job. The applicants were all young men who did not leave this country to work in foreign countries. "They were anxious to give their services to Ireland, and I propose that we give these men the opportunity of finding work at home by advertising the vacancy. If Miss Murphy was the successful applicant, then he would say more luck to her, but he would like to see everyone getting a fair chance. He would propose that the vacancy be advertised.

Chairman—Would it be your intention to have it open to male or female candidates? Mr. Whelan—Male only. POSITION FOR A YOUNG MAN. Father Lee said he thought the position was one for a young man. A young man would have to look after his home, and he thought in any case that the vacancy should be filled by a young man who would be finding it possible to found a home. In the case of a single girl, she had only herself to look after. He agreed with Mr. Whelan that the vacancy be advertised, and he would second the proposition.

Chairman—You want to qualify that the position be open to males? Father Lee—Yes. Mr. Whelan—I would agree with that. Mr. O'Connell—Are you precluding the appointment of a person who has given satisfaction in the position for some time past. Miss Murphy has given every satisfaction and she has given good service and I think that we should give her a chance of promotion. Is it within the purview of the Committee to promote her? IN FAVOUR OF PROMOTION. C.E.O.—It is definitely within the purview of the Committee to recommend promotion. You do it with the teachers, etc., and I am very strongly in favour of this question of promotion.

Mr. Hickey—If we are in a position to promote a member of our staff, I propose in view of the good services which Miss Murphy has given to our Committee, that she be promoted to this position of clerk. I am quite satisfied that she is worthy of promotion. Father Lee—Are you entitled to give promotion to-night? Mr. Hickey—I think you are. Mr. McQuane—I wish to second Councillor Hickey. Father O'Brien—What would you think of Miss Murphy's ability?

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