

LIMERICK LEADER

CHRISTMAS is a time of holy rejoicing—at least in those countries where it can be observed in the proper spirit. Many peoples, unfortunately, will find it this year a time of sad and bitter memories. The tyrannies they are enduring through the anti-God campaign of their oppressors are all the more galling by reason of the fact that they must suffer them in silence.

Here in Ireland we have an enormous amount for which to be thankful to God. It is doubtful, indeed, if we fully realise and adequately appreciate the many blessings that are ours. Certain it is that those living in several other parts of the globe would rejoice, and quite rightly so, if they had even a fraction of the benefits and advantages we enjoy.

While we have every reason to be grateful for all the mercies and privileges vouchsafed to us by an all-wise and all-generous Providence, therefore, we should have a sympathetic and compassionate thought during this Festive Season for those who are not similarly blessed. We can well feel for the millions who are to-day under the barbarous rule and influence of the Kremlin and are prevented from worshipping their Creator in the way they wish.

The Holy Season is primarily and naturally a time in which the thoughts of all should turn to things spiritual. It is an occasion, too, for a certain amount of personal and national stock-taking. All must gain something individually by looking into their own hearts and seeing if their lives are what they should be and in what direction and how far they need reform and improvement.

Despite the generally good conditions prevailing here and the many services set up by the State and local authorities to aid those requiring assistance, there is still a great deal of distress in our midst. It is well known that there is a type of poverty never touched by the cold operation of official schemes and that in any case there will always be need and room for the warm human sympathy of practical personal charity.

Scrooges there are amongst us, no doubt, but their number is not large. The majority of our people, after all, are kind-hearted and are ever ready to come to the rescue of those in want. The several collections made every year make this abundantly evident. The Holy Season always stimulates a greater spirit of give and it is to be hoped it will do so more abundantly and more fully than during these days of Christian rejoicing.

HE GOT A WATCH

But It Was Stolen

THOMAS Clohesy, 20 Roxboro' Road, Limerick, was today in the Limerick District Court charged with unlawfully receiving an 18 wrist watch, the property of George Hayes, Ardhu Lodge. Supt. P. Coleran prosecuted and Mr. N. S. Gaffney, solicitor, defended.

George Hayes, Ardhu Lodge, said that on the 2nd November last his house was broken into and a watch and clock stolen. He identified the watch in respect of which the defendant was charged as his, worth 18.

Owen O'Keefe admitted stealing the watch from Hayes's house and giving it to the defendant whom he met in his own house. When giving the watch to Clohesy, witness told him that he had gone in through the window in the Hayes house and stolen the watch. Clohesy didn't give him any money for the watch.

William O'Keefe, father of the last witness, said that when he found his son had taken the watch and a clock, he went to Clohesy and asked him for the watch, which Clohesy gave him without objection. The defendant told witness he had given the watch to hold for Owen.

Sergt. J. Hanrahan produced a statement made by the defendant, in which he said that recently he had done a number of repair jobs for young O'Keefe. He had the watch from O'Keefe to repair and readily gave it up to O'Keefe's father when he asked him for it. Clohesy, a fitter employed by Messrs. Rank, confirmed his statement and denied strongly that young O'Keefe told him where he had got the watch.

FIRE IN BEDROOM

Had Fatal Result

AN inquest was held yesterday in Barrington's Hospital by the Deputy City Coroner, Mr. J. S. McNeice, solicitor, concerning the death of the 21st December of Mr. Michael Hogan, 14 Island View, Corbally, Limerick, as a result of gas poisoning at his home on the 9th December.

The first witness called was Dr. Anthony J. Keane, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, who said that on the Coroner's instructions he carried out a post-mortem examination on the 22nd to let it out to the body of the deceased, who was admitted to the hospital on December 9th, and died on December 21st. He formed the opinion that death was due to cardiac failure consequent on myocardial degeneration, resulting from anoxaemia which produced a lack of oxygen throughout the body.

PUT FIRE IN THE BEDROOM

Mrs. Nancy Hogan, widow of the deceased, gave evidence that on the evening of the 8th Dec. before going to bed, she put down a fire in her bedroom. This fire had been brought from the kitchen, and it was over 12 months previously since she put a fire there. She noticed after putting it down that it was smoking very much and she opened the door to let it out. When it ceased she closed the windows again as she was afraid that her husband might catch cold after taking a hot bath. It was about 10.30 o'clock at the time. It was after 7 o'clock on the next evening that she felt that there was smoke in the house. Mrs. Hogan asked her husband to go for the brandy in the wardrobe, but she got no reply. She asked her husband again, but got no reply, and then James Sheehan, who also slept in the house, came on the scene. Mrs. Sheehan asked if she were sick and after that he ran for Dr. Rafferty, who lived in the locality, and he phoned Barrington's Hospital and the Corporation Ambulance arrived subsequently and took him and her away to the hospital. Up to that time her husband's health was perfect.

SAW SMOKE IN THE HOUSE

A DAILY BACKER

Pensioner's Lapse

BRIGID Collins is 71 years of age. She lives at Cloughadreen, Pallasgreen, and comes to Limerick every day to back horses. But on December 10th last, as well as backing horses Brigid went into shops in Limerick and stole a skirt and two tea pots. To-day she appeared in the Limerick District Court where she pleaded guilty to charges of larceny.

Detective Sergeant Michael Murphy said that the defendant came to Limerick every day to back horses. When she came in on December 10th she went into shops in William Street and stole the articles mentioned. Witness searched her parcels that evening in the bus at the Railway Station, but couldn't find the stolen property. Later he visited the cottage in which she lives with her first cousin (a young man named Enright) and he found the articles there.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, who defended, said the defendant's family had been in America for years and she was alone in the country with the exception of her cousin, who looked after her. There was no evidence whatever that she had been in trouble previously or that she had taken any articles other than those found on her.

Justice—Backing horses is an odd activity for a woman of her age. The Justice told the defendant's cousin, William Enright, that he had to keep her away from Limerick, and automatically, out of trouble. He bound her over for two years, in her own bond and told her to keep out of the city and out of trouble's way.

GOOD WISHES

RAN INTO POLE

Motorist In Court

DAMAGE caused to an electric standard at O'Dwyer Bridge on the 20th October had a sequel in the Limerick District Court to-day, before Justice D. F. Gleeson, when Merril Manning, 21 Lonsdale Avenue, Corbally, was charged with the dangerous driving of a motor car. He was also charged with failing to report an accident on the same occasion.

Supt. P. Coleran prosecuted, while Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, defended. Guard Enright said that on 20th October last the defendant's car struck an electric light pole in Corbally, at a point where the road was 25 feet wide. Some of the wires were cut and on the ground.

DEFENDANT'S ADMISSION

Guard Mahony swore that when he saw the defendant the day after the accident, Manning admitted striking the pole, but said he had skidded on to the pole from a slippery road. Manning, in evidence, said that he met a car at the scene of the accident and he had to swerve violently to avoid a head on crash. Instead he crashed into the electric light pole. He didn't think leaving the electric wires on the roadside constituted any hazard.

GUARDS EVIDENCE

CARS COLLIDE

BOTH DRIVERS CHARGED

A COLLISION between two motor cars at the junction of Henry Street-Lower Mallow Street on the 2nd December was described by Justice D. F. Gleeson at the City District Court to-day, when Anthony Manifold, 36 Patrick St., Limerick, and Raphael McMahon, 3 Cathedral Villas, St. John's Street, Limerick, were both charged with dangerous driving and for not exercising reasonable care for users of the public road.

Supt. P. Coleran prosecuted; Mr. Wm Leahy, solicitor, was for Raphael McMahon, while Mr. H. Sheehy, solicitor, appeared for Anthony Manifold. Guard O'Connor gave evidence that the night was grayish. Mr. Manifold's car was going up Mallow St. from the Dock Road, and Mr. McMahon's car was proceeding up Henry St. towards the South Circular Road when they collided.

Cross-examined by Mr. Leahy, witness said there was no damage done to the front of Manifold's car and his lights were in perfect order.

DEFENSIVE PREMISES

RAIPLH McMahon, in his statement, said that he was going up Henry St. and was more than half-way across the junction when a car coming up Mallow St. accelerated and tried to get past the front of his (McMahon's) car. He (McMahon) was in second gear and he blew the horn a number of times before the collision occurred, when the other driver tried to get past the front of his (McMahon's) car and he (McMahon) was driving very fast, while his (McMahon's) speed was 15 m.p.h.

DISTRICT COURT

WHAT IS GOING

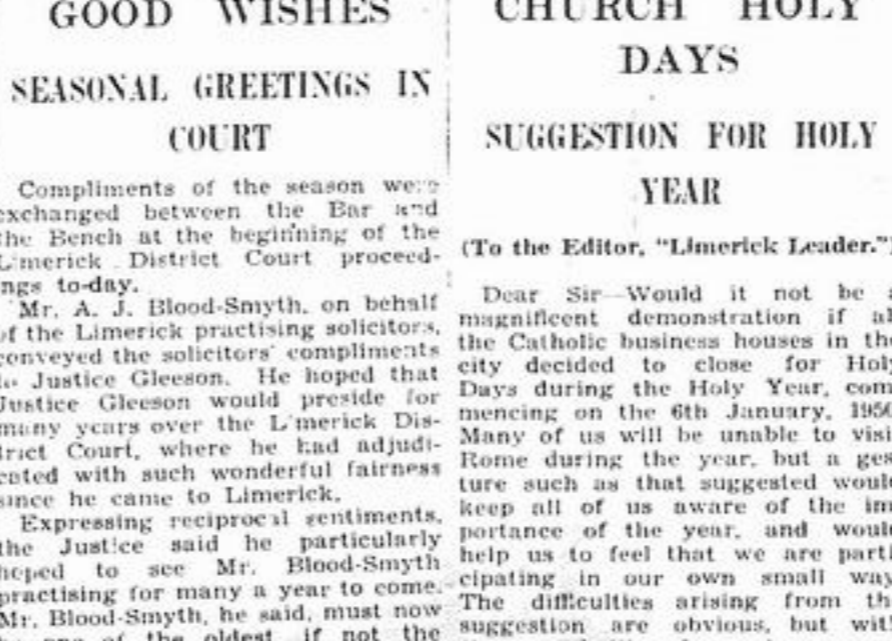
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MIDNIGHT MASS

BRILLIANT LIMERICK MAN

LIMERICK PORT

LIMERICK DISPLAY MAY



HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO OUR READERS

GOOD WISHES

CHURCH HOLY DAYS

SUGGESTION FOR HOLY YEAR

MIDNIGHT MASS AT AIRPORT

BRILLIANT LIMERICK MAN

LIMERICK PORT

SHIPPING DETAILS

LIMERICK DISPLAY MAY

REWARD FOR KILLING BANDITS

IN CENTRE OF STREET

KILLED WHILE LOADING BEET

CANADA AND PRIVY COUNCIL

FOUND DEAD IN COT

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS GET SUN-STROKE

TURKEY REALISES £20

WILL NOT BE HANGED

CLARE LEAD AND SILVER MINES

BE TELEVISIED

FAMOUS BOXER