

DISTRICT COURT

The Wrong Motor
TaxFINED FOR WASTING
WATER

MICHAEL Grey, race horse owner and cattle dealer, Nenagh, and his son Daniel, were charged at the Limerick District Court to-day for being concerned in the use of the father's van for private uses, when it was only licensed for Commercial uses. Daniel was also charged for driving the van without a licence.

Sr. O'Mara, solicitor, Nenagh, defended. Sergt. P. Connolly swore that Michael Grey drove the van to the Limerick races last October. In the van were the defendant and other members of the family. The difference between the commercial licence with which the van was licensed, and the tax to be paid if the van were to be used for private purposes, was £2 8s. Daniel had no driving licence.

Michael Grey said he had come to the races that day on business. The racehorse which he had leased from another owner was running and the business wanted to see it run and have a business talk with the owner. Incidentally, he took his family along. He didn't know Michael had overlooked renewing his driving licence.

Justice Gleeson fined the father a total of 45/- and the son 20/-.

WATER WASTED

Two Limerick landlords who had allowed water cisterns to fall into a state of disrepair, thus wasting considerable quantities of water, were prosecuted by the Limerick Corporation.

Sr. W. Dundon, solicitor for the Corporation, said that the cases were important ones, because through carelessness in the upkeep of cisterns, really large amounts of water were being wasted in Limerick.

The first prosecution was against Francis Parker, owner of 28A St. Joseph Street, let to Patrick O'Donnell.

Michael O'Connell, Corporation water inspector, said that when he inspected the tenant of 28A St. Joseph Street, Patrick O'Donnell, he found the cistern leaking and a considerable

CHILD DROWNED

Fell Into Pond

WEST LIMERICK TRAGEDY

THOMAS NOONAN, aged 2½ years, son of Mr. Michael Noonan, The Glen, Ballingarry, was drowned in a pond of water on the lands of E. Fitzgibbon, adjacent to his home, late on Tuesday evening (writes our Ballingarry correspondent).

The child was playing with two other children, aged 6½ and 4½ years, when he accidentally fell into a pond of water, which was about 5 feet in depth.

On Wednesday morning Coroner Michael Cussen, solicitor, Rathkeale, held an inquest without a jury.

Evidence was given by Mr. Michael Noonan, father of the child, and Patrick Lynch, who found the body.

After the evidence of Dr. W. Lane, the Coroner returned a verdict that death was due to asphyxia caused by drowning in the pond.

The Coroner expressed sympathy with the parents of the child, as did also Sergt. J. Clifford, G.S., Ballingarry, who represented the authorities.

EVIL INFLUENCE OF THE

DOLE

A SERIOUS SOCIAL
PROBLEM

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Sir—Kindly allow me space in your paper to refer to the evil influence of the dole. I wish to state that many hard and honest labouring men are ruined as a result of the introduction of the dole. When working men are idle for long periods they develop a tendency to shirk work and try to live on this paltry few shillings to feed themselves, and, finally, their health and physical make-up are weakened, so when the time comes to take up a job they find they are not able to make the standard with their fellow worker who is well fed and clothed.

This type of lazy workmen which I mention are a pest of society and

RURAL HOUSING

Co. Limerick Needs

MR. KEYES OPTIMISTIC

MR. M. J. KEYES, T.D., Minister for Local Government, is optimistic that the rural housing problem in Co. Limerick will be solved inside three years. He stated this in an address at Cappamore to the Labour Club there.

MET BY BAND AND CROWD.

The Minister was met at the outskirts of the village by Lacamore Pipers' Band and escorted to the Thomond Hall by a large crowd in processional order, preceded by the National Colours, carried by Mr. J. Hayes, M.C.C., and Mr. James Sweeney.

Mr. M. O'Gorman, presiding, welcomed the Minister and thanked him for his interest in the workers in the area, and for the useful work his department was able to provide for the workers of the locality.

MINISTER'S SPEECH.

In the course of his address, the Minister said he had the full support of every party in the country for the carrying out of the housing programme. He had been advised that 110,000 houses were needed to meet the requirements of the country at an approximate cost of 100 million pounds. For rural housing in County Limerick 800 houses were required, and 400 houses would be let out on contract in the next few months, and when they were finished a further 400 would be put in hand. He hoped to solve the housing problem in rural Limerick inside three years.

The great need of the moment in the national housing drive, he continued, was the shortage of skilled workers in the building trade. They had started a campaign to bring home the skilled workers from England, and he was glad to say they were receiving plenty of applications. They needed 3,000 skilled men in the next few months.

"A GREAT BOON."

Continuing, the Minister said that the Local Authorities Works Act had been a great boon to the country because, in addition to giving much needed employment, the effect of the various drainage schemes would increase the productive wealth of the country. The increase of wealth meant an uplift-