

named George O'Neill, ne Banagher, of a £10 note. He abode, and he was charged he did, at Newcastle West, to steal, take and carry (by finding) the sum of three notes (£30), the property of James Fitzgerald, Askeaton. Inspector Butler, Newcastle West, arrested, and the accused, who was not professionally represented, pleaded guilty and stated he wanted to be tried summarily.

**THREE NOTES WERE LOST.**  
James Fitzgerald, Askeaton, stated that on the 19th December he entered Mr. Hough's premises, Newcastle West, to enter a dog for a dog. He pulled out a wallet containing the necessary papers and three £10 notes in the same. Having transacted his business with Mr. Hough he went to the town and missed the dog. He returned to Hough's premises and searched the place but no £10 notes were found. The dog was on the premises when he visited Hough's, but was not there when he returned. He reported his loss to the Gardaí.

Inspector Keegan, Bruff, stated that he was returning from Newcastle West to Bruff by motor and was stopped by a Gardaí and asked for a lift. He obliged and took him to Hospital Garda Station where he told the accused he answered the description of a "wanted" man. The accused said "Yes. I suppose it is for this" and handed out three £10 notes. Inspector O'Connell, Newcastle West, stated that he charged the accused with the offence and gave him the usual legal caution. He then said the accused addressed the Court and said he was never before a court before and pleaded for leniency.

**VERY CANDID.**  
Inspector Keegan said the accused was very candid over the matter and from inquiries he had made here was nothing known about the accused and told the Court that he was not pressing the accused to jail. Justice said in view of the accused's previous good character he would only impose a sentence of six months imprisonment, the sentence not to be enforced if the accused were of good behaviour for six months, and ordered that the notes be handed back to Mr. Fitzgerald.

**BROKEN INTO STORES.**

In the same Court, Denis O'Connell, Newtown, Caherconlish, charged by Superintendent E. J. O'Connell, Pallasgreen, that he did break into a shop at 11 a.m. on December 22nd and 9 a.m. on December 24th to break and enter the premises of Mortimer Leahy, Newmarket, Caherconlish, with intent to steal a felony and that at the same time and place he did unlawfully take and carry away of geese feathers, value

£10 note. To-day in the Tipperary District Court, O'Leary pleaded guilty to a charge of having committed the crime.

Garda evidence was given that O'Leary had been convicted on 42 occasions between November, 1926, and 1949. He had been in jail several times during the past quarter of a century.

Justice O'Brien said to O'Leary: "You are an old customer of this Court, but I should like to make it clear to you this time that you are not being convicted just because you are an old offender."

**HE HAD NO DOUBT.**  
The Justice said that if he thought there was a reasonable doubt about the case he would give O'Leary the benefit of that doubt. But there wasn't any doubt that O'Leary was the man who had stolen O'Dwyer's £10 note. In all the circumstances he could do little else than impose a sentence of six months imprisonment.

Soon after the Court O'Leary was taken back to Limerick Jail.

## DEATH OF JUDGE IN U.S.A.

### NATIVE OF CO. LIMERICK

Judge Michael F. Kinkead, who died rather unexpectedly in the United States of America on Tuesday morning was a native of Ballinvreena, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick. He was a distinguished barrister and was for a number of years past Judge of the Probate Court of Ramsey County, St. Paul's, Minnesota. He was cousin of Judge Thomas Kinkead and Judge James Meaney, both of whom are Judges in New Jersey. He was a member of a well-known County Limerick farming family and was cousin of the Raleigh family, Knocklong, and the Flanagan family, Kilbreedy. He was brother-in-law of Mrs. J. Kinkead, Ballinvreena.

He received his early education at Kilfinane and at Thurles College, going to America 40 years ago and completing his studies for the Bar at St. Paul's.

## FIANNA FAIL LIMERICK CITY COMHAIRLE CEANNTAIR

The election of officers of Limerick City Comhairle Ceanntair of Fianna Fail resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. Martin Corbett; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Gerald O'Connell; Hon. Treasurers, Mr. James Barry and Mr. L. McEoin; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Michael J. O'Brien; Delegates to Comhairle Dail Ceanntair, Messrs. C. O'Connell, J. Gilli-

more and more of these for the Youth Hostel movement is spreading and An Oige, the Irish Youth Hostel Association, has in the past year opened branches in a number of towns, not the least important in Limerick.

**THE OBJECTS.**  
What is An Oige and what are its objects? These are questions that are being asked daily. The aims of the Association are stated briefly in the first page of its handbook; the first is, "To help all, and especially young people, to a love and appreciation of the countryside, particularly by providing simple hostel accommodation for them on their travels." An Oige exists to foster that true love of one's country which comes from an intimate knowledge of it, that health of mind and body which comes from contact with nature in all her moods, that spirit of comradeship which springs up when folk gather around the fireside after a day in the open air. An Oige throws open the countryside to its members by maintaining hostels where they can stay at a charge of only one shilling and sixpence per night—and at that rate one can do a fortnight's holiday on a guinea, plus the price of food! The fee covers the use of bed and blankets, cooking equipment and crockery and fuel. The member brings a sheet bag, cooks his own food, does his own chores, and plays his part in keeping the hostel clean and tidy.

**ORGANISED ACTIVITIES.**  
As well as holidaying in hostels, members can take part in many organised activities. In Dublin there are ballad and dancing groups, a photographic group and a dramatic society. Cork can boast of like societies, and Limerick, although new, does not lag far behind. Perhaps the most satisfying activity of all is the work party—for An Oige takes a pride in doing its own work, and many of the hostels have been reconditioned and largely rebuilt by the voluntary efforts of members, sometimes with the help of youth hostellers from foreign lands. An Oige maintains close and friendly relations with other youth hostel associations all over the globe and through its membership of the International Youth Hostel Federation its members have the right to use the 2,000 hostels belonging to the 20 other associations in the federation.

**FIRST IRISH HOSTEL.**  
It is a far cry now from the day when An Oige began its career twenty years ago, armed with nothing but faith and a five pound note, and opened its first hostel on the shores of Lough Dan, in Co. Wicklow. It wasn't much of a hostel by our present standards—the draughts went through it like blizzards from the Pole and the rats danced sixteen hand reels in the dormitories—but it was a beginning. Now the barn by Lough Dan has become 30 hostels in 14 different countries and the five pound

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