

When a 'bus plunged 100 feet into fish pond in Kyushu, Japan's southernmost island.

## THE UNEMPLOYED

The number of unemployed on February 4th was 71,128, an increase of 66 on the previous week, and about 1,700 less than in the same week in 1949.

## COTTAGE SITES

North Tipperary County Council to pay between £35 and £50 an acre for cottage sites.

This question of modern plant at the port they should have it shortly soon (applause).

Concluding, Mr. McGuire congratulated Mr. Keyes on his elevation to Cabinet rank and said that his appointment had given unemployed joy to every section of the community, amongst whom the Minister was held in the highest regard, esteem and respect (applause).

## TOAST OF THE GUESTS

Mr. D. Greaney, N.T., proposed the toast of the "Guests," and in a felicitous speech said that here in Limerick they of the Trades Council could meet and honour their guests, who represented various and varying interests, and feel that the true bond of friendship—the Church and its teaching—bound all together. In social gatherings such as theirs they were implementing in a practical way the advice of Pope Pius XII in his Encyclical, "Quadragesimo Anno," in which His Holiness spoke of the intimate union and harmony that should exist between all classes in society. The Mayor, who replied, said that the Trades Council was serving a very important role in the industrial life of the city. The function which they were assembled was a tribute to its great worth, and worthy of its brightest gem—the Minister for Local Government.

Mr. Michael Mulcahy, speaking in Irish and English, proposed the toast of "The Press," and said that a free and independent Press was an indispensable need to a true democracy. Paying a tribute to the Limerick and National Press, he said that foreign papers devoted too much space to unsavoury details. Mr. J. J. Mulqueen responded. During the evening musical and vocal items were rendered by many of the company, a special feature being community singing.

The proceedings were brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. J. M. Casey, who acted as Master of ceremonies, read letters regretting inability to attend from the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Neill; Right Rev. Dr. Rodgers, Protestant Bishop; Very Rev. J. White, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. T. J. Connolly,

above was held at the local Library on Monday evening, 30th January.

Mr. Michael Hennessy presided, and there was a large number of members present.

The officers elected for the coming year are:—Rev. Father D. O'Callaghan, P.P., President; Mr. W. Harold, Chairman; Mr. P. Molyneux, Vice-Chairman; Mr. J. McCann, Treasurer; Mr. M. Hennessy, Secretary.

A programme of work for the coming year was planned, which includes the study of drama.

Ceillidhe will be organised and the annual aeridheacht will be held next May.

## FISHERMAN'S TRAGIC END

While out with two companions fishing from a boat on the Shannon at Coonagh Point on Friday night, William Considine, Upper Coonagh, was taken suddenly ill and died. The deceased, who was aged about 25 years, had been under medical treatment for some time for an affection of the heart, and as it was certified that death was due to cardiac failure an inquest was not considered necessary.

The deceased was a very popular young man and deep sympathy is felt for his highly respected family in their bereavement.

## THIRD DEGREE

In Milan twelve policemen were arrested for using "third degree methods" on a prisoner who alleged he was left for several days without food.

## GLIN BONHAM MARKET

At Glin monthly bonham market, there was a good supply and prices paid ranged from £4 to £5, according to age and quality.

## DEATH.

**KEARNS**—February 12, 1950, at her residence, 3 Rossa Avenue (late The Arch, Denmark Street), Margaret Kearns; to the inexpressible grief of her husband and children. Remains will be removed this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock to St. John's Cathedral. Funeral tomorrow (Tuesday) at 3 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

## IN MEMORIAM.

**KELLY** (Second Anniversary)—In loving memory of my dear mother, Margaret Kelly, late of 34 Prospect Hill, who died February 13, 1948. On her soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy. Masses offered at St. Joseph's Church and Redemptorist Church.

caused to the interior of the premises by vandals the Baths have been closed down. A caretaker is appointed for the summer months, but every year in his absence deplorable acts of vandalism have been perpetrated. Repairs cost the ratepayers a goodly sum at the advent of each swimming season, and the apprehension of the blackguards responsible for this damage would be a boon not only to swimmers but to the community in general. It is too bad that the "hardy annuals" are made suffer because of the wanton conduct of others.



## ST. VALENTINE.

To-morrow, 14th inst., will be St. Valentine's Day, when, no doubt, many young ladies will receive amorous messages through the post. The origin of this custom is unknown, but it is said that the Valentine card is older than its Christmas counterpart. It is generally accepted, however, that St. Valentine was in no way responsible for the love missives with which his name has been coupled. Some authorities say that in years gone by shy, bashful male lovers believed that by sending cards to young ladies on St. Valentine's Day they would create a "lasting" impression. Nowadays, however, no importance is attached to these "sweet nothings," which are usually sent out by Gay Lotharios.



## SLUMS AND HOUSES.

A correspondent states that many tenants of new houses that were erected by the Corporation so that slumdom might be brought to an end are not showing much interest in or concern for their new surroundings. He would seem to be afraid that in the course of time some, at least, of the new houses will not be much better than the hovels from which the tenants have been removed. Furthermore, he expresses the opinion that the conditions of which he complains is due to ignorance on the part of the tenants—that, in fact, ignorance is not bliss. Our correspondent makes the interesting suggestion that the Corporation might consider the