

POSITION IN CO. LIMERICK

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")
Sir,—I submit for publication figures showing the road expenditure for County Limerick, 1948/49, and 1949/50, also the grants allotted and the rate in the £ in respect of the roads.

1948/49—Expenditure on repairs and improvements, £269,193. Road grants, £174,577. Rate in the £ in respect of roads (pence), 43.568.

1949/50—Expenditure on repairs and improvements, £220,592. Road grants, £197,747. Rate in the £ in respect of roads (pence), 43.568.

Total rate, 1948/49—47/6 in the £. Total rate, 1949/50—41 in the £.

From the foregoing figures we find that while the road expenditure was reduced by £48,601 in 1949/50, the rate in respect of roads was increased by 2/2. In simpler language, if the road grants were not cut for 1949/50 the rate would be 17/9½, instead of 41, while the amounts available for roads would be £269,193, instead of £220,592.

In view of the fact that the Department of Local Government has notified County Councils that Road Fund grants for 1950/51 will be on the same scale as those for 1949/50, our Dail representatives should make an effort to have the fuel tax paid by the road user, amounting to £3,000,000, diverted to the Road Fund, thereby enabling the Department to restore to the local authorities the grants available in 1948/49.

J. C. BARRETT, M.C.C.
Glin, Co. Limerick.

MEDICAL POST

RECENT APPOINTMENT

The Limerick County Manager, on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, has appointed Dr. Timothy J. Mullins, of the Knoll, East Ardoley, Wakefield, England, as Medical Officer, Broadford Dispensary District, Co. Limerick. Prior to obtaining this appointment, Dr. Mullins held the post of Medical Superintendent, Carr Gate Isolation Hospital, Wakefield. He is son of the late Timothy Mullins, for many years manager of Glenwilliam Creamery, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick.

NEW COMPANY FORMED

A new Company has been formed in Limerick—P. O'Malley & Co. (Limerick), Ltd. The nominal capital is £35,000 in £1 shares. The Company are exporters and importers, wholesale tea, wine and spirit merchants.

The Directors are Mr. P. E. O'Malley, Ard Machree, O'Callaghan Strand, Limerick, and Mr. B. G. O'Malley, same address.

FELL FROM ROOF

While repairing the roof of Mr. John Bovenizer's house at Killreedy, Adare, Leo Battle, carpenter, Killdimo, fell about 20 feet and received a broken arm and other injuries. After medical attention he was conveyed to Croom County Hospital, where he is progressing satisfactory.

STONEHALL HARRIERS

Stonehall Harriers met at Shanongrove on Friday, 18th inst., and enjoyed a good run, winding up in the evening in the neighbourhood of Ballymartin.

FOYNES SHIPPING

On Monday last, the 20th inst., the tanker, s.s. "Basset Hound," arrived in Foynes harbour, bringing 1,100 tons of petroleum for the Irish Shell Oil Company.

COURTS OFF

Justice C. S. Kenny will not hold the usual monthly sittings of Shanagolden and Glin Courts next Wednesday.

T. F. Quaid, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Surgeon, has changed from Curtin's Hotel to Donal Scanlan's, Upper Main Street, Newcastle West.

Doctor L. Rosenberg has returned and is practising again in Kilfinane, Co. Limerick.

POSITION AT THE COUNTY INFIRMARY

At the last meeting of the Limerick City Comhairle Ceanntair of Fianna Fail reference was made to the alarming situation created by the notice served on the Governing Body of the Limerick County Infirmary by the nurses, and hope was expressed that an early settlement of the dispute might be effected.

Arising out of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Comhairle Ceanntair relative to the non-erection of the proposed workshops by C.I.E. at Limerick, the Secretary read a reply received from the General Manager in Dublin, which stated:—"The matter is still in abeyance and will probably now await decision of the new Transport Board."

The following resolution was also passed:—"That this Comhairle Ceanntair joins with the Gaelic League in denouncing the attitude of the Governing Body of U.C.D. in departing from the former practice of having the examination papers printed in the Irish as well as the English language."

TWO MONTHS

SENTENCE IN LARCENY CHARGE

At Askeaton Court on Monday, before Justice C. S. Kenny, Michael Maher, Ballyhorgan, pleaded guilty to the larceny of £130 in cash and cheques from the house of Daniel Shanahan, Clandouglas, Listowel. The defendant was not professionally represented.

After hearing the evidence of Sgt. Powell and Detective Officer Breslin, Listowel, the Justice sent Maher to jail for two months with hard labour. He complimented the two Gardai on excellent detective work.

Supt. Mulcahy, Listowel, had charge of the case, and told the Justice that over £100 of the total amount stolen had been recovered.

CO. LIMERICK FARMER'S

WILL

Mr. Timothy Murphy, of Coolreagh, Co. Limerick, farmer, who died on September 11th, 1948, left estate in England and the Republic of Ireland valued at £984. Probate has been granted to his son, Patrick Murphy, farmer, of Anhid, Croom, Co. Limerick, and his son-in-law, Robert Cotter, farmer, of Rockhill, Co. Limerick. He left two farms upon trust for his son, John, for life with remainder to his grandson, Timothy, he paying £500 to the executors upon trust for the remaining children of his son John. £500 to his daughter, Elizabeth Cotter and the residue to his son Patrick.

FIRE AT NEWCASTLE WEST.

Newcastle West Fire Brigade was called early on Saturday to a rather serious outbreak of fire which occurred at the residence of Mr. Cunningham, Knockane. After a short interval the brigade succeeded in bringing under control the fire, which, it would appear, originated in the chimney.

MUSIC AWARDS.

First class certificates of the London College of Music were recently awarded to the Misses Elizabeth and Felicity Wilson, "Rocklyn," Clogher. The youngsters are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, and reside with their parents.

MOTORIST FINED

Cornelius Hogan, 42 Main Street, Croom, was fined a total of £3 5s. in the Limerick District Court today on charges of driving a mechanically defective vehicle and for driving a car without a driving licence.

SUMMER TIME.

Subject to approval by the Dail and Senate, the Minister for Justice has made an order fixing April 16th to October 22nd as the period of Summer Time this year.

THE USE OF IRISH.

Mr. Casey, F.M.B.U., made reference to the use of the Irish language in the house and congratulated Mr. Geaney for proposing the nomination of the Sec. in Irish and congratulated the Secretary for his reply of thanks in Irish. He said that he was connected with the Council for 40 years and up to now had not heard the Irish language spoken there and he felt proud to be associated with it.

Mr. Gloster, P.O.W.U., made reference to female telephonists working late at the G.P.O., and asked Council's help and advice to eradicate such an injustice.

The Chairman said that the Council would be only too willing to cooperate with the postal workers.

Miceal O Maolcathaigh, Runaidhe.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

TWO DEFENDANTS FINED

Joseph Mulcahy, Drumbeg, Athlerea, Bruff, was fined £5 at today's sitting of the Limerick District Court on a charge of the dangerous driving of a Ford 8 car.

State evidence was that Mulcahy's car, driven by the defendant, struck the gable end of a house at the junction of William Street and Roxboro Road.

In a similar prosecution, Patricia Place, Fairyhill, Parteen, was fined 40/- for driving without due consideration.

The allegation against her was that her car struck a parked vehicle in O'Connell Avenue, at 3.30 in the morning.

Mr. M. Tynan, solicitor, defended in the first case and the second defendant was represented by Mr. E. Treacy, solicitor.

LICENSING LAW CHARGE

On Christmas Day James Lawlor, no fixed address, was caught in a publichouse. Summoned to Court for the offence, Lawlor got very ill and went to hospital.

When the case was called before Justice Gleeson in the City District Court this morning, Inspector T. Griffin, in charge of the prosecution, said Lawlor was in very poor circumstances after his sojourn in hospital. It was not surprising he wasn't able to attend Court that day. He suggested that the Probation Act be applied.

The Justice dismissed the case under the Probation Act.

KILFINANE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

As can be seen by our advertising columns, the Kilfinane Dramatic Society present P. J. O'Dea's amusing new three act comedy at Kilfinane on next Sunday night.

The production is in the capable hands of Miss P. Ryan, and patrons can look forward to a very enjoyable performance.

This is the first appearance of the Society since they were awarded the Life Members' Cup at Clara Drama Festival by Lennox Robinson.

CORRECTION

In our report of the case in the Limerick District Court on Friday last, 17th inst., in connection with the taking of motor cars from the George Hotel, Mr. Treacy, solicitor for the defendant, was reported as stating that Mr. C. Ryan, of Cork, the owner of one of the cars taken, had arrived at the hotel at 1.30 a.m. on the occasion. We are informed by Mr. Treacy that this report is inaccurate, and that in actual fact Mr. Ryan arrived at the Hotel at 10.10 p.m. on the night in question.

LIMERICK BRANCHES OF A.S.W.

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")
Dear Sir—I understand that the two Limerick Branches of the A.S.W. have recently resolved not to work with any member of an Irish Union catering for the same trade (carpenters and joiners). This matter arose following the opening of a branch of an Irish Union in Ennis, the members of which had been previously members of the A.S.W. and who seceded from that organisation as a result of the decision of the E.C. of the A.S.W. that an employer has the right to purchase doors which were manufactured in Sweden and imported into this country and that any member refusing to fit and finish them cannot expect any protection from the Society should his employment be terminated on that account. I further understand the members of the local branches of the A.S.W. have declined to fit and finish this type of joinery for many years, but how they can profess to be consistent while on one hand they refuse to fix these doors and on the other hand resolve not to work with other craftsmen who have decided to follow the same line of action is beyond my reckoning. One may ask at this stage how far the local branches can pursue this resolution? Well, when one hears that the local branch of the Employers Federation have given an assurance that they will not employ any carpenters or joiners other than the members of the English Union, one can easily see what chance the poor Irishman has of obtaining employment in this historic city. To sum the whole position up, Mr. Editor, Limerick men are to be denied the right to join an Irish Union or in the alternative to suffer the tyranny of the communist dominated A.S.W.

Yours sincerely,
"RANK OUTSIDER."

DEATH OF MRS. WALLNUTT

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing away unexpectedly at an early age, at her residence, Corbally Cottage, of Mrs. Gwendolene Wallnutt, widow of the late Charles Wallnutt, and youngest daughter of the late Eugene and Helen Wickham, Ballynacurra.

The interment took place in the family vault in St. Munchin's Cemetery on Thursday last, the Service being conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Waller and Ven. Archdeacon Hewetson-Jones.

The chief mourners were:—Charles and Edmund (sons); Miss Wallnutt (aunt); A. C. Montgomery and D. J. Eakins (sons-in-law); W. J. Horne and F. G. Wallace (brothers-in-law); A. E. Goodwin, H. G. Shine, J. Turpin, A. G. Fitt and G. A. Quillinan (relatives).

DEER MET DURING FOX HUNT

The meet of the County Fox Hounds on Saturday, at Castletown, was not very large (writes our Pallaskerry correspondent). They raised a fox in the vicinity and followed him to Shanagolden, where they made a kill. Another fox was raised and followed towards Ballydoole. Here the huntsmen encountered a deer, which has been in the neighbourhood for several months, having originally come to the locality, it is conjectured, via the Mague bank. The animal merely bolted a nearby gate and paid little heed to hounds or followers.

SHANAGOLDEN I.C.A.

At the annual meeting of the Shanagolden branch of the Irish Countrywomen's Association there was a large and representative attendance.

The following officers and committee were elected for 1950:—President, Mrs. E. Shier; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Madigan; Secretary, Miss Nora Treacy; Treasurer, Miss Brenda Madigan. Committee—Mrs. D. O'Connor, Misses Mary Mangan, Eileen Fitzgerald, Nancy Fitzgerald, Brenda O'Connor, Madge Naughton, Cora Nolan and Jennie McMahon.

GREAT RECORD.

An esteemed correspondent writing apropos references made in this column recently to Rev. Bro. Walsh, Rome, states that the Walsh family has long and honoured associations with that famous teaching Order—the Irish Christian Brothers. A grand-uncle of Brother Walsh, he states, Superior in Limerick for many years and to perpetuate his memory the Walsh Memorial School in John Street was built in the 'eighties. In later years, another Walsh—representing the second generation of the family—was Superior in Limerick. Brother William (in religion, Bernard) his brother (Baptist) represent the third generation of Walshs who have become members of the Christian Brothers. Limerick people who may visit Rome for the Holy Year are sure to meet Brother Bernard, for he has very close associations with the Vatican.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Congratulations are due to V. Rev. P. J. Lee, P.P., St. Mary's, for his parishioners for the great zeal one might say enterprise—they displaying in the embellishment of their beautiful church. The acquisition is a massive organ which competent critics declare to be one of the finest of its kind in the country. At an inspiring ceremony on Sunday evening last the organ—the musical instrument of the Church—was solemnly blessed by the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. O'Neill. An appropriate sermon was preached on the occasion by Very Rev. W. J. O'Grady, Adm. John's, a priest who has done good work for the revival of the Gregorian Chant amongst the laity.

£300 GIFT.

Following the sale of the Republican Hall at Bunkey, a Committee, from the proceeds, has given a contribution of £300 towards the completion of the 1916 Memorial on the Sarsfield Bridge. The Burial Hall came into existence in 1928 on the promotion of the Irish language and native culture generally, the Committee in charge, finding that the location of the structure was inconvenient, abandoned the activities. However, a body of trustees have retained a certain amount from the proceeds of the sale of the Hall for the purpose of carrying on the original cultural program. The Committee are to be congratulated on their public spirit on having made such a handsome contribution to the 1916 Memorial Fund.

ON THE RUN.

According to reports—and fishermen don't exaggerate!—there is a good run of salmon in the Shannon providing capital sport for men with rod and line. We are also told that the estuary of the river is infested with seals and that it is not common to see shoals of salmon being driven up-stream by the implacable enemy. Whatever the presence of the seals, it is gratifying to know that salmon numbers are returning to the Shannon in increasing numbers. For many years following the operation of the Hydro-Electric Scheme, the river was denuded of fish and, indeed, one period many had abandoned hope of ever again seeing salmon returning to their haunts.