

showed that he had sustained a broken leg together with a dislocated toe and some bruises. We understand that in Mr. McConnell's absence the work of the Limerick Industrial Cleaners is being supervised by Mr. A. Clancy.

LIMERICK PORT ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS

Six vessels arrived in Limerick Port during the week ended Thursday last, 9th inst., and five left. The following are details of the arrivals and sailings:—

Arrivals—Kilfenora (Antwerp via Galway), general; Eljo (Antwerp), slag; Capo Vita (Philadelphia via Cork), grain; Violette Erica (Rotterdam via Foynes), slag; Lanahrone (Liverpool via Galway), general; Allegheny (Dublin), fuel oil.

Sailings—Clarina (Liverpool via Galway), livestock and general; Servus (Charleston), light; Kilfenora (Antwerp via Swansea), general; Eljo (Mulroy), light; Violette Erica (Garston via Foynes), light.

'PLANE LANDS ON ROAD

A remarkable forced landing was made to-day on the Clones-Dundalk Road by a single-engined plane belonging to the Queen's University, Belfast, Air Squadron. The pilot, Mr. J. Cole, was up for an hour's training when he lost his bearing. He attempted to land on the Clores dog track, but instead had to land on the road. He received medical treatment for abrasions.

MIXING COUNTERFOILS FOR SWEEP

The mixing of counterfoils for the Irish Hospital Sweepstake's Draw on the Grand National began at the Sweepstake Hall, Ballsbridge, Dublin, on Saturday morning last and continued throughout the day. Mixing concludes to-morrow and the draw opens on Wednesday.

A number of visitors from abroad were amongst those who witnessed the mixing on Saturday.

U.N.O. FLAG POLES EATEN AWAY.

The bases of sixteen of the fifty-nine flag poles outside the United Nations' headquarters at Lake Success have been eaten away by worms. Two poles fell down and the others had to be dug out. Now no United Nations' flags are flying at all while maintenance men are testing the poles and trying to stop the rot.

There will be no St. Patrick's Day pageant in Limerick this year. The Chairman of the Committee responsible for last year's festival has told the "Limerick Leader" that he is not engaged in making any preparations for a similar display this year.

It would seem that another Committee took on the task of arranging a festival for this year, but this body has now abandoned the whole scheme.

THE PLANET MARS

Now is a most opportune time for studying this interesting planet. Any clear evening after 9 o'clock it can easily be seen, as it is then well above the horizon in the direction almost due east, and is easily distinguished by reason of its ruddy colour. It was due to its colour that the ancients called Mars "the god of war."

A small hand telescope will show Mars as a round moon, but a medium-sized telescope, one with, say, a 2½ inch to 3 inch lense, will, in addition, show dark lines on this moon which astronomers refer to as the "canals of Mars," and will also show white discs at the poles. Astronomers say these are caused by accumulations of snow.

ERNEST H. BENNIS.

DEATHS.

RICE—March 12, 1950, at his residence, 3 Back Davis St., Limerick, William Rice. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) at 3 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

WALSH—March 12, 1950, at his residence, 51 St. Munchin Street, St. Mary's Park, Limerick, Michael Walsh; deeply regretted by his family, brothers, sisters and relatives. Remains will be removed to St. Mary's Church this (Monday) evening at 9 o'clock. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 4 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM.

FITZGERALD (Third Anniversary)—In loving memory of Peter Fitzgerald, who died on March 6, 1947. On whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy.—Inserted by his loving brother, Martin, and Mary. (13p)

McINERNEY (Third Anniversary)—In sad and loving memory of my dear mother, Helena McInerney, 2 Westland Terrace, Wolfe Tone Street, Limerick, who died on March 12, 1947. R.I.P. Masses offered. On whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy.

Memory remains our treasured possession.—Inserted by her loving daughter, Rose, and family. (13p)

cent. Limerick has more than a passing interest in this question of ground rents, for here, too, we have many absentee landlord families, a fact that has been brought to light in connection with the establishment of title deeds for housing sites. One of these is the Verekers.



WHEN THEY CAME.

The Verekers came to Ireland during the reign of Charles I, one branch settling at Roxboro' in the Liberties of the City. Following the restoration of the Stewarts they were given big estates in different parts of the country, including, of course, the City and County of Limerick. The Verekers actually dominated the City in the 18th century. Colonel Charles Vereker—the second Lord Gort—was M.P. for the City, Colonel of the City Militia, High Sheriff, Mayor and City Constable. He was, as a matter of fact, a regular pooh bah. The Colonel Vereker mentioned took his Limerick Militia up to Colooney in 1798 to assist in the quelling of the Rising of that period. For this "patriotic action" his English masters literally showered honours on him, and the corrupt Corporation of Limerick, in recognition of his "great and gallant victory," gave the name of Colooney to a City street (now Wolfe Tone Street). Surely, time marches on!



SPECIAL MEDAL.

The Corporation had also a medal struck—specimens of which are preserved in the City Museum—to commemorate the success in arms of Vereker's hirelings at Colooney. In justice to his memory it must be stated that he voted against the Union—the only patriotic act of his life. O'Connell, as might be expected, did not like the Verekers. Every time he came to Limerick to address political meetings he assailed this reactionary family with biting sarcasm. As the power of the people grew, the sway of the Verekers and their class diminished; so much so that little was heard of them in civic affairs after the middle of the nineteenth century. Most of them returned to their spiritual home—England—where they continued to distinguish themselves as soldiers down to our own times.