

the worker is deprived of his vocation. He is cramped and ped in his style, deprived of rights and not allowed to develop his personality.

THE DANGERS OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

Another point which might interest you, and which is discussed very profusely at the moment, is the question of nationalisation. Ireland is doing it and I presume you may follow her example. Nationalisation, as you know, is a replacement of private by public ownership. This leads to bureaucracy in its worst form. Hence, be careful of the suggestions you make regarding this form of society. Nationalisation is permitted in certain necessary industries for the common good, but then it is impractical if applied to all and sundry. Our position in a nationalised industry is not a very happy one. Our rights are clipped and curtailed, and you cannot voice your opinion as you would like to in the trade union. Treating with an employer is an easy matter in a trade union at the moment, but treating with the State is a different thing. You get no place eventually. The State is always elusive and is too strong to bargain with. The employer in a trade union is on a par with yourself and he is human, in every way. Hence, be careful of nationalisation, and do not vote for it unless you have considered its practicality and its benefits in detail.

CHRISTIAN SPIRIT OF THE UNION

Finally, I must commend this trade union on its Christian spirit. I have read through various volumes of the 'Distributive Worker,' and find that all its enactments are permeated with the Christian spirit. This is especially so as regards the strike weapon, which has not resorted to except after long consultation and even despised in the last resort. This is the spirit which makes a trade union great— which makes its members happy. In conclusion, as a further evidence of this Catholic spirit, the £100 offer to the Maynooth Fund by your Union was another striking example. Such efforts on your part can only do good. It will accrue in blessings always to each of you and I bless you for what you undertake to do. (applause)

VOTE OF THANKS.

The Chairman said it gave him very great pleasure to propose a vote of very sincere thanks to Father Athanasius for his inspiring and eloquent address. It was certainly very stirring and enlightening and they would all benefit from it. They certainly appreciated it

icals. A very fine speaker, he is a widely recognised authority on social problems and schemes and his coming lecture in the Catholic Institute is sure to be a most interesting and instructive discourse.

BODY BURIED

REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED

The body of the man recovered from the Shannon at Limerick on St. Patrick's Day was given a Christian burial yesterday in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The remains were not identified.

During the week parties from West Limerick, West Clare and Killaloe came to the city to view the remains with the object of establishing identification, but, as stated, this was not achieved.

It is generally believed that the drowned man was a sailor.

LIMERICK OLD I.R.A.

A general meeting of Limerick Old I.R.A. was held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall on last Sunday, Mr. Dan O'Connell, Chairman, presiding.

When the business was about to commence, Mr. Kevin Bradshaw said a very respected member of the organisation had died and was being buried that day at 2.15 p.m.— the late Mr. P. J. McInerney.

As a mark of respect to the memory of deceased, the meeting adjourned without transacting any business, and it was decided to hold the general meeting on next Sunday, 26th inst., when officers for the coming year will be elected. All members of Mid-Limerick Brigade are requested to attend.

CHARLEVILLE D.A.

The question of linking-up with Muintir na Tire was again before the last meeting of Charleville Development Association and it was decided to adjourn consideration to the next meeting and to arrange for the attendance of a representative of Muintir na Tire to explain its aims and objects, when the Association could decide afterwards whether it would join up or remain as it was at present.

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the roads the Company were unwilling to accede to the request.

The Chairman pointed out that it was little wonder that C.I.E. refused as the present deplorable condition of the six miles of road through which the 'bus would travel was worn to such an extent that the foundation stones were now appearing on the surface. It was an amazing fact that although there were only 26 miles of roads in the parish the valuation of the parish was £1,050 and a tax was being levied in respect of 40 motor vehicles, to mention the tax on petrol. Limerick County Council last week told the deputation, of which he was a member, that there was not a penny left out of the year's estimates for the roads in question.

After further discussion on the matter, it was decided that a contribution of £100 of the valuation was earmarked for the upkeep of roads this year, the Secretary being instructed to write to the Limerick County Council pointing out that for the past two years very little had been expended on the roads in the parish and requesting that some immediate action be taken with a view to making the roads what they should be.

KNOCKLONG LABOUR CLUB

At a meeting of the Knocklong Labour Club, Mr. Jeremiah Tierney presiding, the following officers were unanimously elected:— Mr. John O'Connell, Chairman; Mr. Jer. Dillon, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Jer. Tierney, Secretary; Mr. Patrick Dawson, Treasurer. Among the many matters discussed, the Club stressed the importance of removing the dangerous bends on the Knocklong-Ballynascorney Road, and also from Knocklong to Pinkers Cross.

The meeting also passed a resolution to ask the County Council to extend the proposed water scheme as far as Garryspillage as the residents in that area are anxious to avail of the scheme. There is no drinking water in the area, and the people are compelled to depend on the generosity of their neighbours.

The Club also tabled a proposal against the centralization of quarries, as the workers locally are deprived of a living owing to the quarries unworked.

THE LIMERICK SHOW

The 1949 Limerick Show, held