

newspaper concerned, it would seem that Mr. O'Dwyer had to be rescued himself. The facts of the case are very different. When he came on the scene another man named Punch had made a plucky though unavailing effort to save young Cregan, and was in danger of drowning himself from exhaustion. Paddy immediately jumped in and succeeded in supporting Mr. Punch until a boat took them both out of the water.

It is a fact that Mr. Paddy O'Dwyer, who is also a well-known Garryowen and Shannon rugby footballer, is an expert swimmer and a qualified life-saver and it is, indeed, unfortunate that he was not there a few moments sooner, as he would undoubtedly have rescued young Cregan.

Two other members of this Club, namely Messrs. Robin Wallace and Ciaran Slattery, have been successfully concerned in saving life during the past week at Corbally. All three are to be congratulated on their pluck and ability, and I trust, Mr. Editor, that you will give this letter prominence, in order that they may get their deserts from the Authorities.

Finally, I appeal to all parents to see to it that their children become competent swimmers. There are two senior swimming clubs in this City and lessons are completely free. Many tragedies would be averted if all children were club members and were taught not only swimming but life saving as well.

Thanking you in anticipation,  
Is mise le meas,  
TADGH O DALAIGH,  
Runaidhe Onorach,  
Thomond Swimming Club,  
July 4th, 1950.

## RENTS QUESTION CITY COUNCIL MEETING

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Mr. Editor — Since the Limerick Corporation held a special meeting on the exclusion of Pennywell and Palmerstown from the differential rent system on last Monday night, we, the people of the above mentioned schemes, feel that this meeting was altogether out of order. Alderman Bourke made a proposition, which was seconded by Councillor Hickey. To this proposition there was an amendment proposed and seconded. Why was there not a vote taken? We were responsible for that meeting, since we should not be included. Why did this meeting develop into a general discussion of all schemes? Deputy Bourke proposed the scrapping of this whole system. Why again, was the Council not called for a decision? We the people of Pennywell and Palmerstown are holding a monster protest meeting at the O'Connell Monument, on Saturday night, at 8.30. Bands will attend and parade the city before the meeting.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I remain, yours faithfully,  
JOHN C. FINNAN,  
Chairman, Pennywell Pro. Com.  
16 Flood St., Limerick.  
5/7/50.

## SERIOUSLY INJURED

## CHILD IN CITY STREET ACCIDENT

TOUCHED BY THE WELCOME  
Mother Novascone expressed herself touched by the welcoming ceremony and regretted that her duties did not permit her to make a longer stay in Ireland.

## FUNERAL OBSEQUIES

### LATE FATHER MCWILLIAMS, S.J.

The Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, presided at the solemn obsequies held in the Sacred Heart Church, Limerick, yesterday, for Rev. Patrick McWilliams, S.J., who died in Milford House on Sunday evening.

The ceremonies consisted of Office and Requiem High Mass, and at the conclusion his Lordship imparted the final absolution.

In the sanctuary were priests from all parts of the diocese, while all the religious communities were represented.

Requiem Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. T. Mulcahy, S.J., Rector, Limerick; deacon, Rev. J. Kavanagh, S.J.; sub-deacon, Rev. C. Naughton, S.J.; masters of ceremonies, Rev. T. Hurley, S.J. and Rev. P. McDonagh, S.J.

The funeral cortege to Mungret, where the interment took place, was large and representative.

Amongst the clergy in the sanctuary were:—Very Rev. T. Byrnes, S.J., Provincial, Dublin; Very Rev. Canon Moloney, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Very Rev. Canon Wallace, P.P., Kildimo; Very Rev. Canon Punch, P.P., Mungret; Very Rev. Canon Lee, P.P., St. Mary's; Very Rev. W. O'Grady, Adm., St. John's; Very Rev. D. O'Brien, President, St. Munchin's College; Rev. M. Purtill, B.D., do.; Rev. M. Breen, do.; Rev. H. Murphy, D.D., do.; Rev. P. Fitzgerald, D.D., do.; Very Rev. P. Kelly, C.S.S.R., Rector, Mt. St. Alphonsus; Rev. T. J. Connolly, C.S.S.R., do.; Rev. S. O'Carroll, C.S.S.R., do.; Rev. P. Hannan, S.B.D., Salesian College, Pallaskenry; Very Rev. R. F. Roche, S.J., Rector, Clongowes Wood College; Rev. M. Meaney, S.J., do.; Rev. A. McSeumais, S.J., do.; Rev. E. O'Dea, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. T. Lyons, C.C., do.; Rev. M. O'Donnell, C.C., do.; Rev. P. Kelly, C.C., do.; Rev. J. Burke, Technical Schools; Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., Pallaskenry; Rev. M. P. O'Shea, O.S.A.; Rev. P. K. O'Flynn, O.S.A.; Rev. J. J. Powell, O.P.; Rev. B. O'Donnell, O.P.; Rev. F. Teahan, O.P.; Rev. P. O'Regan, C.C., St. Patrick's; Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C., St. Mary's; Rev. Father Theophilus, O.F.M.; Rev. Father Thomas, O.F.M.; Rev. T. Greene, C.C., St. Patrick's; Very Rev. R. Gleeson, O.M.I., Cahermoyle; Rev. M. Corbett, S.J., Mungret College; Rev. M. Murphy, S.J., do.; Rev. F. Paye, S.J., do.; Rev. C. O'Connell, S.J., Sacred Heart Church; Rev. J. B. Stephenson, S.J., do.; Rev. M. Glynn, S.J., do.; Rev. G. McLoughlin, S.J., do.; Rev. G. Guinane, S.J., do.; Rev. D. Roche, S.J., do.; Rev. Bro. Priest, S.J., do.; Rev. M. McGrath, S.J. (representing Very Rev. P. McGrath, S.J., Rector, Galway); Rev. Brother Murphy, S.J., Mungret College; Rev. Brother Cunningham, S.J., do.; Rev. Brother O'Sullivan, S.J., do.; Rev. Brother Brady, S.J., do.; Rev. Brother Rice, S.J., Sacred Heart Church.

## FATAL SEIZURE

WHILE DRIVING A MOTOR

(2) (12) of the Constitution—"That in what pertains to the control of credit the constant and predominant aim shall be the welfare of the people as a whole"—is to act as an enabler, and not as a hinderer of this necessary social work. As for the query—"Where is the money to come from?", the answer is, where all money or credit comes from—the banks. Are those who may deny or challenge this latter assertion prepared to refute it? Are they prepared to deny the findings of the Cunliffe (1918), and the McMillan (1931) Reports, that approximately 85 per cent. of Local Authority indebtedness is bank-created credit, an almost costless transaction to these institutions?

If the findings of these two Commissions are correct, is it not obvious that the proper approach to the present excessive rent and rate burdens is a competent investigation into bank profits on rate housing loans? Under the present terms the repayment on a loan of £100 at 3½ per cent. for 50 years is £221 17s. 3d. Is this a just or unjust profit? The latter is implied by the Vocational Commission (paragraph 409) which suggested 1½ per cent. interest, but does not state the nature of the evidence that it based this figure on.

Is not Article 45 of the Constitution mandatory. Consequently, I fail to understand why our public bodies regard the entire question of interest on loans as something they dare not question? Are not members of our public bodies aware that when striking a rate they are bound under the laws of Distributive Justice "to allot the public burdens in due and equitable proportion"? How can they do this, except they are aware that their creditors—the banks—are only making a just profit?

## OFFER BY FINANCE MINISTER.

In the Dail on May 16th, Mr. P. McGilligan, T.D., Minister for Finance, offered Interest Free Loans, without subventions, and though this offer ignores the main issue, i.e., a fair price for the hire of credit, it is a step in the right direction, and deserves consideration by our public bodies. Again, are not our public bodies aware that the people were promised "Interest Free Loans for Housing" in the General Election manifesto (the "Irish Independent," 27/1/48) of the party of which Mr. Keyes, T.D., Minister for Local Government, is an honoured member, and why are they not asking him to redeem his promise, and thus solve their rent and rates problems? I wonder is the demand of the Limerick City Comhairle Ceanntair of F.F., that interest on housing loans be reduced to 1½ per cent., an indication of awareness that the rent and rate problem can, and must, be solved along these lines? But why want the period for the repayment of loans extended? Will the sponsors of the resolution tell your readers what are the economic reasons that decided them to make this demand?

In conclusion, may I thank Mr. M. W. McGuire, B.C., for his courage in calling public attention to the fact that workers are only laying 80 concrete blocks per day, though capable of laying 250. What have the workers and Unions concerned to say to this?

Yours sincerely,  
SEAN HOGAN,  
Smithstown,  
Bunratty.

## ADDRESSEE UNKNOWN

period Dublin merchants, in of good beverages had to Limerick to replenish their

## DIFFERENTIAL RENTS.

With the object of reaching agreement on the vexed question of differential rents, the members of the Corporation are to meet the Corporation are to meet representatives of the tenants for free and frank discussion of a scheme acceptable to all concerned. Can be produced the Department of Local Government is to be approved of it instead of the of rents now in force, which provides for a minimum rent and a maximum of 31/100. It is hoped that a satisfactory solution will be found, for there is nothing the fact that the high scale is far in excess of that paid by the tenants.

## THAT EXTRA "BOB."

The thrifty housewife and the gas meter as a means of saving money. Whenever she is shilling to spare she drops the gas meter, and by the time the collector comes around a tidy sum has been got together. Gas collectors are not very enthusiastic for this method of saving money means more labour for them. In the first place, they have to do calculations as to the amount of gas consumed and then to retain the percentage that represents savings. It is a rather difficult job, but this does not worry the wife who has a ready-made bank in her kitchen.

## NO INTEREST.

But the housewife seems to get that she gets no interest on her gas meter savings. On the other hand, if she went to the Post Office or Savings Bank she would get interest at the rate of 3 per cent. It is not easy, however, for a busy woman to pop into the Post Office every time she has a "bob," and in that connection it is suggested that the Post Office should have available for the people "mobile banks" in the form of locked receptacles for their money. These could be kept at homes, to be brought to the Post Office when circumstances permitted. In that way the housewife would get interest on their

## NEXT SEPTEMBER.

After the summer holidays are over, the local election will be held during September, and will be in full swing. Already a good number of "wooing" is being done by potential candidates, but it is sure will not be resorted to for some little time to come. By the way, that at least one of the members of the existing City