

she had herself in the dock. However, in view of the extenuating circumstances, I will give the girl a chance and dismiss the charge under the Probation Act. The Justice also made an order that the clothes should be returned to the defendant's employer as compensation for the money taken.

DROMCOLLOGHER I.N.T.O.

The quarterly meeting of the Dromcollogher Branch of the I.N.T.O. was held at the Parochial Hall, Dromcollogher, and presided over by Mrs. M. Aherne.

Others in attendance, in addition to Mr. D. O'Callaghan, Financial Secretary, were:

Dromcollogher—Mrs. E. Ryan, Mrs. J. O'Callaghan, Mr. P. O'Mahony.

Broadford—Miss E. Grogan and Mr. P. Quille.

Ashford—Miss L. Grogan.

Milford—Mr. T. O'Shea, P.C.

Reenagh—Mr. J. Scully.

Tullylease—Mr. P. Long and Miss N. Walshe.

Knocktoosh—Mr. S. O'Shea.

Kilmeedy—Mrs. L. Ruddle.

The Secretary reported that there was now no unassociated teacher in the Branch area.

It was noted with satisfaction that for the past year the Branch had contributed seven times the amount levied on them to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Miss P. Alyward, Dromcollogher, was admitted as a member of the Branch.

The Quarterly Bulletin was read and discussed, and it was decided to make arrangements re the Teachers' Dance at the October meeting.

CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

LOANS

Subject to the raising of the necessary loan, the Clare Co. Manager (Mr. Denis Blackwell) has accepted tenders for improvements and alterations to Ennis Courthouse—that of the Brightside Engineering Co., Ltd., at £2,228 10s.—for a central heating system, and that of the Munster Estates, Ltd., at £7,481 10s. for other works, to include £3,450 in respect of the central heating sub-contract.

Application has also been made for sanction to a loan of £5,000, repayable in five years, for the purchase of a mechanical dredger for use on the Council's drainage schemes.

want to make my attitude very clear to people driving lorries with ten or twelve tons, so that they will make no mistake. I have seen these lorries passing out and swerving all over the road, and with these heavy lorries, whoever else may be killed, these drivers won't be killed. I want to make it clear that in future lorry drivers convicted before me of this offence will be put off the road.

WEST CLARE LINE

WHAT WIDENING WOULD COST

Mr. George B. Howden, General Manager, C.I.E., in a letter received on Monday by Clare County Council, deals with the request addressed to the Board for widening the gauge of West Clare railway.

He recalls that on the 20th June a deputation of local representatives expressed the belief that the Board of C.I.E. had decided finally to close the line, and intended to do so at an early date. Mr. Howden states:—"No such decision had then or has since been arrived at."

Continuing, Mr. Howden says:—"The cost of widening the gauge of the West Clare line to the standard gauge of 5 feet 3 inches over a length of about 5½ miles, would involve an outlay of approximately £700,000, and could not, under the circumstances, be justified, and the proposal should be quite definitely ruled out."

"If and when it should be decided to consider closing the line the Board will have to follow the procedure laid down in the 1950 Act in connection with such matters, and local authorities and others will, doubtless, be given an opportunity of stating their case."

DEATHS.

O'DWYER—On July 17, 1950, at City Hospital, Daniel O'Dwyer, 23 Athlunkard St., Limerick; deeply regretted by his brothers, sisters and relatives. R.I.P. Remains were removed to St. Mary's Church, Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 4 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

TIERNEY (Limerick)—On July 19, 1950, at City Hospital, William Tierney (date of Halpin's Sugar Importers, Limerick), R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church at 6 o'clock this (Wednesday) evening. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

being cleared. If that were done more space for the parking of cars would be made available pending the utilisation of the site for some other purpose. In any case, the place should not be left in its present derelict state. It is an awful eyesore, a reflection on a city that claims to be progressive. Admittedly, the Corporation has a lot of things on hands at the moment, yet it should be possible to put to work a number of labourers on the clearance of the Arthur's Quay wrecks. The sooner this job is undertaken the better.



LOCAL ELECTIONS.

As everyone knows, or, at least should, the local elections will be held in September, just in six weeks time. Considerable interest is already being taken in the return of a new Municipal Council, which, by the way, will consist of seventeen members as compared with fifteen at present. There was a time, of course—prior to the Management Act of 1934—when we had no fewer than forty "City Fathers," facetiously referred to as the "Forty Thieves." The increase in the membership of the modern Council from fifteen to seventeen is to be attributed to the extension of the Borough Boundary, which had the effect of adding about 5,000 extra voters to the city register.



WIRELESS SETS.

Week after week, at the City District Court, people who have failed to take out wireless licences get themselves fined in sums ranging from ten to forty shillings. In addition to these penalties, the defaulters are obliged to get the requisite licence, for which a fee of 12/6 is charged. Why must so many fail to discharge an elementary duty, thereby leaving themselves open to prosecution and penalties in the form of fines? The excuse generally given by those summoned is forgetfulness. But this is a human weakness that must be corrected.