LIC HALLS

nger Of Fires

ON BY BRIGADE CHIEF

been licensing this for a number of years fire extinguisher at all whole point is that we to wait for another er fire disaster," said Gleeson at the Lime- Court on Friday of hen in an adjourned licensing application Martin Tynan, sol- nael Tynan & Co.), on e proprietor of the Pallas, the Justice application subject to ggested by a County neer being complied

Noonan, solr., appeared erick County Council, ned the Council's posi- ard to the application. after the passing of alls Act the matter Board of Health regu- all applications for at came in were sub- instructions to the cal Officer of Health got from him. His ing that was that if ege not inspected they ing to Court on every thus putting the rate e county to expense.

FOR GARDAI.

n was to avoid that, came to Court when ly a bona fide objec- ecally a matter for the the County Council willing to co-operate The County Council ally the people who It was really a he Gardai in the first was now the intention ty Council to have of the Limerick Fire was the officer in fighting for the city to inspect the dance county to see if they from the fire-fighting

to the references of at the recent Pallas ce dance hall licence rade at the Ballynecty uld like to say the Council made certain Mr. Tynan in respect s, but there was no these licences on the County Council. In nty Council do not d that the halls are the Superintendent of The particular section was submitted some the Minister, and he eply that the section ue with regard to the y. The County Coun- stated, objected to the e licences mentioned, suggested to their at fire extinguishers in all halls. told the Justice that formed him in Pallas s regards the Ballyn- ations, he received the County Council, ces had been granted, hat they required. At he say the County ted to the renewal of applications which anted at Ballynecty ring to the Brook ion, the gist of what he Pallas Court was ted to the fact that as he applicant no notif- ver was given to him uld be an objection as particular hall. He tement whatever that Council objected as re- ne halls. se, in granting the ubject to the condi- handed with said that

FELL FROM 'BIKE'

On Way From Dance

YOUNG GIRL FATALLY INJURED

CYCLING home from a dance at Templeglantine last Sunday night fortnight, 17 year old Bridie Keane, Purt, Abbeyfeale, accidentally fell from her bicycle and some hours later died in Limerick Co. Infirmary without having regained consciousness.

At an inquest held in the County Infirmary before Mr. J. S. MacNeece, Deputy Coroner for Limerick City, and a jury, Dr. Brigid Crawford, Resident Surgical Officer, said Bridie Keane was admitted to the Infirmary at 1.45 a.m., unconscious. She was bleeding from the right ear, had a scalp wound on the right side of the head and had a number of abrasions and bruises. She never regained consciousness, dying at 4.30 the same morning. A post mortem on Tuesday, September 19th, revealed a large fracture of the skull, laceration of the brain and haemorrhage. Two ribs were fractured about an inch from the vertical spine. Death, in her opinion, was due to shock and haemorrhage resulting from a fracture of the vault of the skull extending to its base.

HOW THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED

John Joseph McElligott, Ballymacfirden, Abbeyfeale, said he was at a dance in Templeglantine on the Sunday night mentioned.

At 11.30 when the hall closed, he met Bridie Keane and a number of other friends outside. The whole group of about fifty started cycling home together towards Abbeyfeale. The deceased and himself were cycling abreast, she on the inside. At Templeglantine West they noticed a car coming up from behind and the girl told him to watch out.

"I swerved slightly to the left of the road," he said, "pedaling slightly at the same time to get in from the car. As I did this, the girl's front wheel hit my back one which skidded towards the centre of the road. I heard her bike hit the road behind me and at the same time the car passed, sloping towards the fence on the right-hand side. When I went back I found deceased lying unconscious on the road, her bicycle about five or six yards away."

FELL HEAVILY ON HER HEAD

Francis Wright, who had been cycling directly behind Bridie Keane, swore that she fell heavily on her head. He thought the car grazed her head as it passed.

Cornelius Ryan, Ballytigue, Bruree, the driver of the car, said he was quite certain his car didn't touch the deceased as he passed. She fell to the right, he said, and he had to swerve quickly to avoid striking her.

Sergt. J. Loakman, Tournafulla, said on examination by him that Cornelius Ryan's car indicated that it had not struck anything recently. He found four spokes on the front wheel of the deceased's bicycle broken and the saddle bent towards the left. The condition of the bicycle would not suggest that a car had gone over it.

THE VERDICT

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death in accordance with the medical evidence and exonerated the driver from all blame.

Sympathy was voted by the coroner and jury to the next of kin of deceased.

KEPT ROOM

BUT BOARDER DID NOT RETURN

MAINLY ON DOLE

Given Chance To Get Work

NOW SENT TO PRISON

LAST June, Judge Barra O Briain adjourned charges against John McNamara (21), 9 Hogan Avenue, Killeely, to give the defendant an opportunity of getting work with some public body. The charges against McNamara then were that he had stripped 4 lbs. of lead from the roof of Mrs. Mary Frances Collins's house at North Circular Road, Limerick, causing £139 worth of damage.

When the Limerick Circuit Criminal Court opened yesterday morning, his Lordship was reminded of the case by Mr. W. Binchy, B.L. (instructed by Mr. M. M. Power, State Solicitor).

ON DOLE MOST OF THE TIME.

Mr. Binchy said the Judge postponed sentence at the previous sittings on the understanding that accused would get work with Bord na Mona. It had been ascertained that Bord na Mona would take him on despite his record of eight previous convictions.

"But he didn't leave Limerick for a month after the Court," Mr. Binchy told his Lordship. "He did work a number of days at the docks for £1 48. a day. Then in July he went to Attymon and worked there for four days. He came back to Limerick then and has been on the dole for most of the time since."

Supt. P. Colleran said McNamara had only worked forty of the 120 days since the last hearing of his case. He had been dismissed as unsatisfactory by Bord na Mona.

Mr. M. Tynan, solr. (Messrs. M. Tynan and Co.), defending, said McNamara's whole trouble since he was first convicted in 1946 was that his criminal record interfered with his prospects of employment. Up to the time of his first offence four years ago he had had regular employment with Messrs. Rank. Then he wouldn't get work anywhere. But after the Court hearing last June he made every effort and earned good money as a dock labourer for his wife and young child.

JAIL WITH HARD LABOUR.

The Judge said he was entirely dissatisfied with the supposed efforts of the accused to get work. "The general public," he said to accused, "look to these Courts to protect them from people like you. I'm going to send you to hard labour for five months, taking into account the period of custody you spent before your trial."

AFTER HISTORIC TRIP

RETURN OF THE "ITUNA"

The cutter, "Ituna," which became historic by virtue of the voyage across the Atlantic with its four young Irishmen on board, will be brought back from the United States on board the "Irish Pine."

Kevin O'Farrell is the only member of the crew who is due home immediately. The remainder are staying in the U.S. to study architecture.

The "Ituna" was purchased last week by the Irish Hospitals Trust, Ltd.

HURLERS FETED

"TIPP" HONOURED IN NEW YORK

NEW CHAIRMAN

Limerick County Council

FIRST MEETING OF NEW BODY

BY sixteen votes to eleven, Mr. J. J. Collins, T.D. (F.F.), was elected Chairman of Limerick Co. Council at the new Council's first meeting to-day. The second candidate was Mr. J. W. Canty (F.G.), the outgoing Chairman.

Before the election the twenty-seven Councillors formally signed the declaration and acceptance of office.

Mr. Collins was proposed by Mr. James Wrenn (F.F.), "As a member of the West Limerick Flying Column," he said, "I should like to see my old colleague, Deputy Collins, in the chair."

Mr. Wrenn was seconded by Mr. P. Clobessy (F.F.).

Mr. T. O'Connell (F.G.) proposed Mr. D. P. Quish (Ind.).

Mr. Quish—Oh no! I'm not going.

Mr. J. J. McNamara (F.G.) proposed Mr. Canty. "He'll be able to fill the Chair," he said amid laughter.

Mr. D. J. Madden, T.D. (F.G.), seconded.

THE VOTING.

The voting went as follows:—

For Deputy Collins—Messrs. J. C. Barrett (F.F.), R. Bresnihan (F.F.), P. Clobessy (F.F.), J. J. Collins (F.F.), P. Creamer (F.F.), M. Dwane (F.F.), J. Hartney (F.F.), G. Hayes (Ind.), C. Keane (F.F.), P. Lillis (F.F.), J. Mackey (Lab.), D. McAuliffe (F.F.), P. Maguire (F.F.), T. Reidy (F.F.), P. W. Ryan (F.F.) and J. Wrenn (F.F.)—16.

For Mr. Canty—Messrs. J. W. Canty (F.G.), R. M. Clery (F.G.), M. Cooke (F.G.), P. H. Donegan (Ind.), J. Hayes (Lab.), J. J. McNamara (F.G.), D. J. Madden, T.D. (F.G.), D. Naughton (F.G.), T. O'Connell (F.G.), Wm. O'Connor (F.G.), D. P. Quish (Ind.) 11.

THE VICE-CHAIR.

The next item was the selection of a Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Maguire was proposed by **Mr. Lillis** and seconded by **Mr. Keane.**

Mr. Sean Hayes (outgoing) was proposed by **Mr. Naughton** and **Mr. O'Connell** seconded.

In the voting, Mr. Maguire got 14—all the Fianna Fail members—and all the members who had voted for Mr. Canty for the Chairmanship, with the addition of Messrs. Mackey and G. Hayes, voted for Mr. Hayes. The result was—Maguire, 14; Hayes, 13.

Mr. Maguire was declared elected by that margin.

COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The new Co. Committee of Agriculture, with the number of votes each candidate got in the first pole, is as follows: Barrett (17), Bresnihan (15), Canty (14), Clery (14), Clohessy (16), Collins (15), Creamer (16), Dwane (14), Hartney (15), J. Hayes (13), Keane (15), Lillis (18), Mackey (21), McAuliffe (17), McNamara (13), Maguire (18), Quish (15), Reidy (15), Ryan (18), Wrenn (15).

VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

There were eleven nominations for the eight seats confined to Co. Council members on Co. Vocational Education Committee—Messrs. Barrett, Creamer, Donegan, Hartney, G. Hayes, Lillis, Mackey, McAuliffe, Maguire, O'Connell, Wrenn.

The new Co. Council members on this Committee, with the number of votes each got, are:—Messrs. Barrett (18), Creamer (16), Hartney (16), Lillis (21), Mackey (24), McAuliffe (19), Maguire (22), Wrenn (15).

OUTSIDE MEMBERS.

The Council then elected the following six outside members on the same Committee:—Very Rev. Canon Martin, P.P., Croom; Very Rev. T. Canon de Bhall, P.P., Ballingarry; Rev. P. Walsh, C.C., Cappamore; Messrs. John McCormack, J. J. Connellan, N.T., Rathkeale, and T. Hennessy.

MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD.

Eighteen members were nominated for the Council's fourteen seats on the Limerick District Mental Hospital Board. The fourteen representatives elected were: Barrett (15 votes), Bresnihan (16), Clohessy (18), Collins (15), Creamer (18), Dwane (14), Hartney (15), Keane (14), Mackey (22), McAuliffe (19), Maguire (20), Reidy (16), Ryan (19), Wrenn (15).

The outgoing Chairman (Mr. R. M. Clery) was one of the four defeated candidates.

COUNTY INFIRMARY.

On the proposition of **Mr. Canty**, the Council unanimously decided to elect, en bloc, the fourteen Mental Hospital Board representatives, with the addition of Mr. Lillis, on the Governing Body of the Co. Infirmary.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Hartney were elected as the representatives on the General Council of County Councils.

TWO YOUNG COUNCILLORS

Every one of the 27 members in the Co. Council was proposed for membership of the new Co. Committee of Agriculture. There were only 20 seats and the Fianna Fail members got fourteen of these. Among the new members are two very young Councillors. Mr. Richard Bresnihan, who is 24, and Mr. P. Creamer (25), the Co. Limerick hurler and footballer.

CHAIRMAN RETURNS THANKS

Mr. Collins took the Chair and thanked his party members for their support. "I know I have a responsible job," he said. "And I hope I shall live up to it. I have a great tradition to maintain here. I want to pay a tribute to the impartiality and capability of my immediate predecessor, Mr. Canty. I want also to mention the name of the late Mr. Sean Wall, who was Chairman here at a very difficult time. I shall make him my guiding light here."

BACK TO U.S.A.

DEPARTURES FOLLOW AIR MERGER

Departures from Shannon as a result of the recent big air merger include Mr. J. R. Eighmey, Irish Sales Manager of American Overseas Airlines, who returned to the U.S. this morning (writes our Air-

WARM TIES

BETWEEN IRELAND AND SPAIN

With all the dignity and splendour associated with presentations of credentials, in the home of the President of Ireland at Aras an Uachtarain to-day, the President received the Spanish Ambassador, His Ex-