

CATHOLIC SCOUTS FATAL ACCIDENT

Weekly Notes

(Specially Contributed)

Diocesan Conference.
 attended this function on Monday, and the good effects of the deliberations will be felt far and wide in the confines of Munster. The Diocesan Council has set before it its best task for the year. Rev. E. O'Gorman, C.C., Commissioner, Cashel and District Justice D. F. ... the best thanks of all are due for their able and disinterested solution of the whole problem and how this problem is solved — at least in great measure — the Scout system of training is a lesson for Scout leaders. The task is formidable; it is urgent; the reward is great; it is a great calling — it is a mission; there is none more noble. Let us bend more vigorously to the work of helping our Irish Catholic youth. Let us devote this great year of dedication to spare energies towards our little brothers and their inexperienced feet on the great road of life.

... effort is needed on the part of the Troop Committees with a view to providing suitable premises in each parish where Troops may be housed in pleasant surroundings. At present most Troops have to be conducted in very unsuitable Dens. The solution of the present time is to make a forward drive to provide premises and Troop Committees will do a great job for youth in solving this problem. Troop Committees should look about for suitable men of influence and invite them to the Committees. There are good men only waiting to be asked to serve on a Troop Committee. Look about and strengthen the ranks of your Committees. Do not be afraid of a bank debit, for the debt has been incurred in the provision of suitable accommodation and equipment for your Scout Troop and its Committee. Always be more active in clearing a debt of ignorance. You need men of cour-

Death Of C.I.E. Driver

INQUEST OPENED AND ADJOURNED

A FATAL accident in Limerick in the early hours of last Monday morning was the subject of an inquest yesterday (Thursday) evening by Deputy City Coroner J. S. MacNeice and a jury at the City Home.

Deceased was Patrick McKenna (31), Cragg, Birdhill.

Supt. P. Colleran appeared for the Garda. Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr., represented the next-of-kin, and Mr. E. Walsh, solr., Birr, appeared for the driver of the car with which deceased's motor bicycle collided at Baal's Bridge.

Dr. A. Humphreys said deceased was admitted to the Hospital at 1 o'clock on Monday morning last, unconscious. He died at 2.45 that evening. Death was caused by haemorrhage into the brain through a fracture of the vault of the skull. Before death deceased was delirious.

Norah McKenna, deceased's sister, gave evidence of identification. She said deceased was a C.I.E. road freight driver. On Sunday evening last he called out home, leaving for a dance in Newport at 8.30. She later saw him at the dance, which he left to motor cycle to Limerick at 12.10 a.m. Deceased, she said, was quite sober and normal. "He didn't have a drink for the past six or eight months. He gave a pillion lift to a girl who was going to Lelia Street after the dance."

At this stage, Supt. P. Colleran asked for an adjournment. "I am reporting the matter to the Attorney-General," he said, "and want first of all to finish my inquiries."

The Coroner then adjourned the inquest.

... age, men of ability, and men of business experience to shoulder heavy burdens. So let every one make this special effort now and Catholic Scouting will then make the progress so ardently desired.

Moladh le Dhia! Moladh go Deo leis!

LIMERICK H... EXHIB...

St. Munchin's... Build...

NOVEMBER 26th-

Archbishop O'Qu...

(By DR. DERMO...)

IF there was ever a time since the days of St. Patrick when the survival of the Catholic faith in Ireland was in doubt, it was in those years at the end of the 16th century and at the beginning of the 17th century, when men sometimes hardly knew where they stood. The practice of the reformed Church can hardly be said to have come over from England until James I came to the throne in 1603. Before that, indeed, the monasteries had been suppressed and the Mass prohibited; priests and bishops had been outlawed and killed, and yet, over a large part of the country there were no Protestants, as the term is now understood. Writing of Black Tom, the 10th Earl of Ormond, about the year 1600, Professor Curtis says of him: "He was a Protestant in so far as a man could be called a Protestant at that time." The Book of Common Prayer had not reached rural Ireland and there were no Ministers of the new dispensation who practised the new ritual. On the Catholic side things were in a parlous condition. The smaller parish churches had been taken from them and were for the most part roofless and empty. There were only two or three bishops in the whole country. Effective diocesan rule was everywhere impaired and discipline was of necessity slack. It