

CHARGE

Patrick O'Connor, 28 Upper Cecil Street, a C.I.E. lorry driver, was to-day charged at Killaloe District Court with the dangerous driving of a lorry at O'Shea's Acres, Broadford, on September 9th last.

Sup. P. Lavan prosecuted. The defendant did not appear and was not represented in Court.

Garda T. McCarthy, Limerick, gave evidence of inspecting at the Railway Station the lorry driven by the defendant. He found the right hand side of the vehicle damaged. The mirror was missing. The defendant told him that on the occasion of the accident he was delivering barrels of stout at Broadford. A cow ran out in front of the lorry and in trying to avoid it, he struck a wall on the right.

The defendant, Guard McCarthy said, told him that he knocked at a nearby house to tell about the accident, but got no reply. O'Connor refused to make a written statement.

On the application of the Superintendent, Justice T. Gordon Hurley adjourned the case to the next Court.

FATAL SEIZURE OF WOMAN

Mrs. Christina Conlan, aged 65 years, a widow, living at 32 Keene Street, Killalee, had a heart seizure while attending at 9.15 o'clock Mass in St. John's Cathedral yesterday. Having been anointed, Mrs. Conlan was removed to Buntingford's Hospital, but she was dead on admission.

An inquest will not be held, as death was due to natural causes.

ENNIS TRADERS AND HOLYDAY CLOSING

Ennis Branch of the R.G.D.A.T.A. convened a general meeting of Ennis traders for Thursday night last to consider a motion to close shops in the town on holydays of obligation. By a substantial majority the meeting rejected the motion.

COST OF CURRENT STATE SERVICES.

Dr. O'Higgins, Minister for Defence, told the Institute of Bankers at its annual dinner in the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, on Saturday night, that a total of 294,000,000 will be spent this year on current services, as against £42,000,000 in 1928-'29.

COUNTRY ON WHEELS

An official return shows that the number of mechanically propelled vehicles of all classes under current licence in the Twenty-Six Counties was 138,134. Of that number 24,726 are commercial goods vehicles. Over 85,000 private cars were taxed in August.

Because, it is said, of the difficulty of obtaining pigs in sufficient quantities the management of the Garryowen Bacon Factory, Limerick, have served a week's notice on thirty employees suspending their services.

Buyers from Northern Ireland are, it is said, making it practically impossible for local buyers to compete with them because of a British Government subsidy which allows them to pay from 11d. to 1/- per pound more than the Irish buyers.

Bacon in Ireland is controlled at from 195/- to 200/- dead weight, but in England it sells at from 250/- to 270/-.

A prominent curer stated that the only remedy was for the Minister for Agriculture to step in and stop the export of bacon over the Border to England. At the moment, he said, the Irish industry was in a precarious position and curers were very perturbed because of the shortage of supplies.

It is learned that Messrs. Materson have given notice to eleven of their factory hands and that Messrs. O'Mara have already terminated the employment of eight hands.

OVER 200 PER CENT. PROFIT

In his weekly column in Saturday's "Irish Times," "Nichevo" told that he sold apples from his orchard to a Dublin trader at 2/6 per dozen, and the same evening saw them in the shop window priced at 8d. each! "I did think," he wrote, "that a profit of more than 200 per cent. was just a little thick."

THEY DON'T WANT IRELAND SOLD OUT

The Officer Board of the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association has passed a resolution asking the Government to immediately take whatever action is necessary to ensure that the land and property of the Republic shall not continue to pass into the hands of non-nationals.

SERVED AT COPSEWOOD

Rev. Michael Burke, S.D.B., whose death has taken place at Thornleigh Salesian College, Lancashire, at the age of 64, was a native of Co. Roscommon. He was ordained in Malta in 1925 and was for a time Procurator at the Salesian College at Copsewood, Pallaskenny.

CUTTING HAY IN NOVEMBER!

During a dry spell earlier in the present month farmers in various parts of South-West Donegal were mowing meadows. The same position obtained in a few districts in West Clare.

Only an odd new book in Irish reaches the libraries, whereas, in addition to English books published here, there is a constant stream of new books from Britain, America and other English-speaking countries.

The lamentably small number of new Irish books made available each year leaves a decrease in the number of issues from county libraries inevitable. The only remedy is, obviously, an immediate and considerable acceleration in the rate at which books in Irish are produced by An Gum.

VOLUNTEER DAYS

RECALLED BY DEATH IN U.S.A.

The death occurred recently in New York of Mr. James Noonan, a native of Churchtown, Newcastle West, and member of a well-known and esteemed local family (writes our Newcastle West Staff Reporter). Deceased was one of the earliest and most active members of the Irish Volunteers in West Limerick and was attached to the local Company during the period from 1919 to 1921. Following an L.R.A. parade through the town he was one of nine men arrested in Newcastle West in January, 1920. On his release he was as active as ever in the movement when Auxiliaries, Black and Tans and military were in occupation of the town. Following a savage raid on his home he was compelled to go "on the run" and some months later he was captured, but only after a gallant fight in which he was wounded by an R.I.C. patrol from Newcastle West at the crossroad near Clounagh Library. He was imprisoned in England until the truce in July, 1921, and he emigrated to the United States in 1923. He was married to Miss Kitty O'Connor, also formerly of Newcastle West, who also took a prominent part in the independence movement. Sincere sympathy will be tendered to his widow, as well as to his brother, Mr. John Noonan, Churchtown.

HORSE SWITCHING CHARGE

As three of the State witnesses were absent to-day, the prosecution was unable to proceed in the Central Criminal Court to-day on the hearing of charges arising out of the alleged switching of a racehorse at Haydock Park races last December.

The accused were James Rooney (38), race horse trainer and farmer, of Beamore, Drogheda, and Wm. Lyons (37), head stableman, of the same address.

It was stated by the prosecution that one of the witnesses, Fred Chadrick took certain photographs of the race in question. Another witness was Alec Marsh, on whom it had not been possible to serve a summons.

The accused were remanded on continuing bail to next Wednesday.

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