

...es, Fenbyson has the line,
"Glory to God," she sang and
past afar . . .
Losing her carol I stood pen-
sively,
and at the birth of modern
English Chaucer was writing:
and at the birth of modern
carolewyse."

The carol is essentially a hymn
of praise and has long been asso-
ciated with the celebration of
Christmas. The name may have
come to us from our word chorus;
so, there may originally have
been a connection with the dance
rather than singing: this would
be a derivation from corolla, a
wreath or garland, and perhaps the
original carols were associated
with the festive activities of the
wax dance. Stonehenge, that stark
reminder of a pagan past, has been
universally known as the giants'
dance and "the carol" and here
is strong evidence as to the
meaning of the word.

WAS POPULAR IN PAGAN TIMES.

The words set to the tune are the
old carol, but music has been so
frequently allied that we have now
come to regard the two as insepar-
able. Carolling is a very ancient
pastime and was popular in pagan
times. It presented yet another
difficulty to the church in her fight
against the prevalence of pagan
rites; in the Christian era, for in-
stance, the habit of dancing in
churches had to be forbidden and
even in the thirteenth century
a definite distinction had to be
made between songs which were
appropriate for inclusion in reli-
gious worship and those which
were not.

There is a long tradition also for
the connection between the singing
of carols and begging; even in
Anglo-Norman times those who
were expected to be paid, as may be
seen from a manuscript preserved
in the British Museum.

Many carols have survived from
the fifteenth century and these are
often similar to the folk-songs of
the people; sometimes carols also
became the depositaries for the
rhymes which were current at an
earlier time; examples of such
preservation are the carols "Joseph
and an old man," "I saw three
ships come sailing in" and "The
Swan and the Crane."

EARLIEST EDITION THAT EXISTS.

Wynkyn de Worde published a
number of carols in 1521 and this
is the earliest printed edition of
these songs that exists. Among
these is the Boar's Head carol,
which, slightly changed, forms an
important part of the ceremony of

A very courteous and amiable
gentleman, Mr. Shee is held in high
regard and esteem, and his appoint-
ment, as already stated, will give
very great pleasure not only to the
legal profession but to the public as
a whole.

Mr. Shee, when approached by a
"Limerick Leader" reporter, would
not deny or confirm that he had
been appointed Co. Registrar.

PROMINENT CITIZEN

DEATH OF DR. JOHN C.

TROY

We deeply regret to record the
death of Dr. John C. Troy, which
took place at his residence, 72
O'Connell Street, Limerick, yester-
day, after a prolonged illness.

Son of the late Mr. Christopher
Troy, master baker, Patrick St., Dr.
Troy, who received his secondary
education at the Christian Brothers
Schools, distinguished himself as a
medical student in the National
University. After he had graduated
he secured the coveted degree of
M.D., in the examination for which
he displayed remarkable brilliancy.

Some 20 years ago he returned to
his native city to become a visiting
physician to Barrington's Hospital
and a Dispensary Medical Officer.
His kindness of heart, coupled with
the unremitting care he gave to his
patients, made him extremely popu-
lar amongst all sections of the com-
munity. His death at the early age
of 52 years is deeply regretted, and
very sincere sympathy is extended
to his widow (nee Dr. Kathleen
White) and children, brother and
sisters in their bereavement.

Despite the many calls his pro-
fession made upon his time, Dr.
Troy took a keen interest in a num-
ber of movements of a cultural and
charitable nature. He was a pro-
minent member of Muintir na Tire
and Feile Luimnighe, but ill-health
had compelled him to withdraw
from active participation in the
affairs of these bodies. Neverthe-
less, Dr. Troy was deeply interested
in the progress and activities of
these two bodies, and by his death
both have lost a loyal supporter and
worker.

AN APPEAL

AID FOR STRANDED PASSENGERS

that they were giving a special
loma to one of the commit-
students, James O'Callaghan,
Downey Street, Killalee, Lime-
rick for motor engineering.

The Acting C.E.O. told the mem-
bers that James O'Callaghan was
one of the few students in Ire-
land to whom the distinction would
be awarded.

Canon Lee—It is very good.

Mr. Coughlan—It speaks well
of his teacher.

Mr. Walsh—I think he should
be congratulated on that.

Chairman—We will place
on record our appreciation of
the boy's efforts.

AGE LIMIT FOR POST.

A notice of motion was moved
and passed unanimously in the
absence of Mr. P. O'Connell,
whom it was submitted. It was
as follows:—

"That the lower age limit for
filling of the post of Clerk
Assistant in the Municipal Techni-
cal Institute, set out by the
Department as 18 years on the
date of the examination, be
amended to read 17 years on the
date of the examination and that
any resolution to the contrary
is hereby rescinded."

Mr. O Tuathaigh moved
a motion, which was tabled to
the present temporary occupant
of the post the chance to partici-
pate in the examination and said
it was only fair to put her in
the running for permanency.

Mr. Glasgow formally seconded.

Chairman—She will have to
wait now for the examination and
the resolution will give her
the opportunity of securing the post.

The motion was passed unani-
mously.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE GAELTACHT.

Referring to the late C.E.O.'s
annual report on the working of
the scheme for the academic year
1949-50, Mr. Coughlan said he
was served from the report that eleven
Gaeltacht Scholarships, tenable
for one month at the O'Curry College,
Carrigaholt, were awarded. There
were 299 candidates for the schol-
arships. He wondered if there was
any chance they could improve
that number of eleven awarded
having regard to the fact that there
had a big number of pupils.

Canon Lee—That will come in
the course of time.

The Chairman agreed, and
Mr. Coughlan further said that the mat-
ter had been neglected nationally
and he thought that every encour-
agement should be given to
the people in the securing of schol-
arships, and the financial position
should not be any bar to anyone
in education.

Chairman—We don't draw