

## THE CHANGE

Here is a piece of good news. Anybody buying a T.V. set should make sure now that it is a switchable model. Then they can have it changed over from 405 reception to 625 when the Scariff station comes into operation . . . and they will be sure of crystal-clear reception of their own Irish T.V. programmes . . . and from the comments I have been hearing throughout Limerick and in all walks of life, the people, generally, are very pleased with the programmes already announced.

## City motorist fined £20 and disqualified

Christopher Dinneen, 4 Flood St., Killalee, Limerick, who pleaded guilty, through his solicitor, Mr. M. Tynan, was fined £20 by Justice D. F. Gleeson in the City District Court to-day.

He was charged with driving a car while under the influence of intoxicating liquor at William St. on December 10th, to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control over the vehicle.

The evidence was that at .45 a.m. on the date in question, two Gardai on duty in Upper William Street heard a crash and on investigation discovered a car parked between two other cars. The car was bumping backwards and forwards trying to get out. They interrogated the driver and brought him to the Station, where he refused to be examined by the Garda doctor.

Inspector P. Spillane said the accused had already served a sentence of twelve months imprisonment for manslaughter.

The Justice said he would deal with the case that it was the first time that intoxicating liquor had been involved.

In addition to the fine the accused was disqualified from driving for twelve months.

## Limerick seaman in hospital

A seaman, Thomas Culhane (27), of Limerick, is in hospital in Falmouth, Cornwall, after an accident on the tanker "Integrity" in Gallants Bay, near Falmouth.

The vessel had been swept on to rocks and the local lifeboat was about to draw away with the skipper and crew when Mr. Culhane was spotted on the tanker's deck.

The lifeboat returned and he slid down the side of the tanker and on to the lifeboat's deck. He was taken to hospital, where he is recovering from shock.

McCarthy drank a small whiskey and a bottle of stout. He had to be forcibly removed to the ambulance.

Patrick O'Brien, husband of the licensee, said that McCarthy arrived on the premises around 8.30 and he had no sign of drink. The reason he served McCarthy was because he had lost a lot of blood. All told he had three large bottles of stout before the whiskey. He did not believe that McCarthy was drunk.

The Justice held that he was drunk and that he was served while in that condition.

He imposed a fine of £5 without an endorsement.

## Charged with wounding film producer

Constance Smith, the film actress, who visited Limerick some months ago accompanied by film producer, Paul Rotha, and saw the house in Wolfe Tone Street where she lived as a little girl



CONSTANCE SMITH and PAUL ROTHa photographed on the occasion of their visit to Limerick.

with her parents, was remanded in London to-day until Thursday next on a charge of wounding Paul Rotha.

During the night, Rotha was removed from his London flat to hospital after receiving stab wounds in the leg. It was stated in the Court that the actress had slashed her own wrists.

## Accidentally struck by car

Christopher Wallace, Byrne Ave. Prospect, Limerick, was discharged after treatment from Barrington's Hospital following an accident in Edward Street last night, when he was struck by a car while walking.

Outlining the case, Inspector Spillane said that on the night of the 9th December, Mrs. Lyons, who lives alone, left her house to stay with some friends. When she came back on the morning of the 10th at 9 a.m. she found that the glass panel on the entrance door had been broken and found that the tape recorder was missing.

Det-Sergeant D. Griffin, who investigated the case, said that Mrs. Lyons' husband and family are in England. He interviewed the defendant, who admitted the offence. The defendant was a friend of the Lyons family. He broke in specifically to take the tape recorder. There were other articles there which he could have taken, but he didn't interfere with them.

Making a plea for leniency, Mr. Tynan said that the defendant's father was dead and his mother is in England. He was a seaman and aged 18 years. There were no previous convictions.

Justice Gleeson congratulated Det.-Sergt. Griffin on his fine work on the case.

## Justice criticises "death trap" junction

Saying it was a common case that the junction could only be described as a "death trap," particularly to strangers driving through the city at night time, Justice D. F. Gleeson, at Limerick Court to-day (Friday), strongly criticised whoever was responsible for the fact that there was no adequate sign to indicate that Punch's Cross was a major crossing.

A charge of dangerous driving against Michael Lanigan, "St. Jude's," Callan, Co. Kilkenny, was a sequel to a fatal accident at the junction on September 18, in which a member of the Kilkenny Rugby team, Stephen Ahern, lost his life.

It was stated in evidence that defendant, driving from the New Street, was under the impression that he was on a main road and unaware that he was approaching a major crossing. Another car, coming from Limerick City, collided with his car on the junction.

The Justice held that defendant was guilty of driving without due consideration, but due to extenuating circumstances, he would apply the Probation Act and allow £5 costs.

He added: "Even at this late hour, I hope that something will be done to have the crossing adequately sign posted before other lives are lost. It certainly is no credit to those responsible."

Inspector Spillane, who prosecuted, said that the Corporation had placed a contract for traffic lights for the junction.