

A-WOOING"



A-Wooing" at the Playhouse on next Sunday night. Seated Back row (left to right)—Tony Lynch, Betty Lawless, Pat Flannery.

k Family Peak of n

a strongly-inherited
igh degree of excel-
n fact—passed away
r. Edward Bethell, 3

lon-Smoker Cigarette Charge

ieve that this woman was
covering up for the young
stole the cigarettes," said
Gleeson at the City Court
the course of his summing
case in which Christina
Barrack Hill, was
with the unlawful posses-
a carton of cigarettes, the
of Denis O'Connor,
Street, and with receiving
owing them to have been

Dennehy stated that he
the Barrack Hill area and
o defendant and she told
search the place if he
He carried out a search
id no cigarettes.

Griffin said he carried out
in the case and took a
it from Mrs. Hannon, in
e said she was living with
g daughter. Her husband
England and sent her about
each week. She was ap-
1, the statement went on,
o boys who asked her to
rettes. "She did not smoke
not want them.

el Gleeson, solr. defending,
l on behalf of defendant
ge of unlawful possession.
man did not realise the
nature of the case and did
lerstand what implicating
with boys like this might
She was a very respectable
and never in court before.
rettes had been placed in
ing and later the dust bin
enaway by the Corporation.
e—It is interesting to know
appened the missing cigar-
ghter).

ctor J. P. O'Callaghan
iting)—They have never
covered, sir.
justice imposed a fine of 40/-

WOULD NOT RECOGNISE THE COURT

Owen McGuinness, of no fixed
abode, but stated to be a native
of Monaghan, and who last week
refused to recognise the Limerick
City Court, appeared before the
Court again to-day charged with
breaking into the dwellinghouse
of James Hannan, Rhebogoe, on
the 9th April with an attempt to
commit a felony; stealing a scuff-
ler (lawn roller) value 30/-;
stealing a wheelbarrow, value £4
17s. 6d., the property of the Cor-
poration; having in his possession,
knowing same to have been stolen,
a camera value £5; and being in
possession of house-breaking im-
plements, a hammer and screw
driver.

PLEAD OF NOT GUILTY

The defendant pleaded not
guilty and was not professionally
represented. He described the
charges as a pack of lies.

After Guard Mahoney had given
evidence of finding the imple-
ments and the camera on the de-
fendant, he read a statement made
by the defendant in which he
stated he bought the camera from
an unknown person in Mungret
Street for 22/6. He used the
hammer and screw driver for
breaking up scrap and he had
them for a while. He knew nothing
about the scuffler or the bar-
row.

Thomas McNamara gave evi-
dence that he saw the defendant
with a barrow and a scuffler at
five o'clock on the morning of
April 9.

Joe Glynn, Corporation em-
ployee, said he saw the defendant
in possession of the barrow, the
property of the Corporation, on
the morning in question. He said
the night watchman gave him per-
mission to take it to collect scrap.

Maurice Mulcahy, night watch-
man, denied to he gave the defen-
dant permission to take the bar-
row.

This concluded the evidence.

SENTENCED AND FINED

The Justice dismissed the charge
of the unlawful possession of
housebreaking implements, break-
ing into Mr. Hannan's house and
taking the scuffler, as the latter
had not been identified. He said
that there was insufficient evidence
to show that defendant intended
to steal the wheelbarrow. He was
not satisfied with defendant's
story about the camera, and he
would sentence him to 14 days in
jail, to date since the date of his
arrest 14 days previously.

The defendant accordingly left
Court a free man.

The Justice ordered the reten-
tion of the camera, and that the
implements be returned to the de-

Two More City Cinemas Fined In City Court

TWO more cinemas were fined in the City Court to-
day by Justice D. F. Gleeson for permitting over-
crowding in their balconies and auditoriums.

The Justice expressed the hope that there would be
no further need of such prosecutions in the future.

When the adjourned case against
the National Cinemas, Ltd. (Grand
Central Cinema, Bedford Row),
was called in the City Court to-day,
before Justice D. F. Gleeson,

Mr. W. Dundon, solr., Law Agent,
for the Limerick Corporation, told
the Court that the case had been
adjourned for the consideration of
a legal point (that the licence under
which the prosecution was brought
concerned only cinemas using
inflammable films) raised by Mr. J.
G. Lyons, solr., for the defence.

The defendants had been prose-
cuted on the previous day for allow-
ing overcrowding and having an
emergency exit door on the balcony
locked.

William Griffith, Chief Operator,
said that the film shown on the
occasion was non inflammable.

EMERGENCY EXIT

Questioned concerning the sum-
mons about the emergency exit in
the balcony being locked, witness
said that on that occasion a new
charwoman had been employed. It
was she who had locked the door.
She had since left. It was the
cleaner's function to ensure that
the emergency exits were opened
in the morning and then left open
all day.

Mr. Lyons—Steps have now been
taken to ensure that will not
happen again?

Witness—Yes.
Cross-examined by Mr. Dundon,
witness said that the exit doors
were always left wide open during
cleaning time, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The public were admitted at 2.30
p.m. and the exit doors were drawn
together, but not locked.

Mr. Dundon—With regard to this
non-inflammable film. Would you
describe it as a safety film?—Yes.

Does it measure up to some
standard?—The old inflammable
film had celluloid as its base. The
present film will only melt under
heat.

In reply to further questions,
witness said he had tried to set it
alight but it only melted. It did
not give off fumes.

The Justice remarked that a
large quantity would be needed for
fumes.

This concluded the evidence.

LEGAL SUBMISSIONS

Mr. Lyons then submitted that
the Act under which the prosecu-
tion was brought, 1909, was limited
strictly to inflammable films and,
therefore, the Act did not apply to
the exhibition of non-inflammable
films. Secondly, the licence issued
under the Act merely concerned
inflammable films.

Mr. Lyons then quoted his
authorities.

Justice Gleeson said that when a
licence was issued the conditions
of the licence should be carried
out.

Mr. Lyons said that a solution to
the problem would be for the Cor-
poration to add such a clause to
the licence to cover non-inflam-
mable films.

The Justice said in order to en-
sure that the films shown were
non-inflammable the Corporation
would have to put a man in the
operating box night and day. That
would be absurd.

VIEW OF JUSTICE

After legal submissions by Mr.
Dundon, the Justice said he was
horrified that there had been a
breach of the licence. They were
indebted to Mr. Lyons for his very
interesting and very valuable argu-
ment. He was not, however, con-
vinced by it and there would have
to be a conviction.

The Justice said that he regarded
the offences as very serious and,
as he had said last week, it might
sound alright in court, but it would

not sound nice at an inquest. He
criticised the fact that it was left
to a charwoman to see that the
emergency exit doors were opened.
That was a very bad arrangement.

Mr. Lyons said that would not
occur again.

Justice—The public will be glad
to know that the officers of the fire
brigade are alert in these matters
and it was very important that they
should be. On the first summons,
failing to keep the gangways clear,
I will impose a fine of 20/-. On the
second summons of having the
emergency exit locked, I will im-
pose a fine of £5.

ANOTHER CHARGE

When the Four Provinces Enter-
prises Ltd. (The City Theatre) were
prosecuted for allowing over-
crowding in the balcony and audi-
torium on the 22nd February, Mr.
T. E. O'Donnell, solr., said that
there was an admission.

Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan, Chief Fire
Officer, said that he found 23 people
sitting on the balcony steps and 42
standing in the back of the audi-
torium.

Mr. O'Donnell said the exit doors
were in proper order and the
passageways were very wide
passageways.

The Justice said they hadn't
such cases for a long time and the
maximum penalty amounted to £20.
He would like the defendants to
note that, and he hoped there would
be no more prosecutions of this
kind. He imposed a fine of 40/-.

Special Meeting Of City Council

A special meeting of the City
Council will be held on Monday
night to dispose of the brief agenda.

A formal resolution will be
passed authorising the striking of
a rate (48/9 in the £) for the
service of the financial year ending
on 31st March, 1960. When this
has been done the new rate war-
rants will be executed to enable
the collectors to get into action.

A circular letter from the Dep-
artment regarding factors which
might be considered in dealing
with applications for permission
to erect petrol stations will be
submitted. The circular deals with
matters in relation to site situa-
tions with a view to preserving
scenic and other amenities.

LIMERICK DRAMA WIN IN DUBLIN

In the Schools Drama competi-
tion in the Gate Theatre, Dublin,
yesterday, the group from An
Mhodh Scoil, Luimneach, won the
Primary Schools contest. The
play they presented was "Gear-
maireacht Dhróichid an Diabhail,"
and the adjudicator said: "they
had presented a very hard play
and had done it very well."

SENTENCED TO HARD LABOUR

Thomas Hassett, 2 Talbot Ave.,
Prospect, was sentenced to two
months hard labour by Justice
Gleeson at the City Court to-day
when he was convicted of the lar-
ceny of an electric razor, travell-
ing rug and an alarm clock at the
Limerick C.I.E. depot.