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## GENERAL ELECTION: LETTER FROM MR. STEVE COUGHLAN

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader").

DEAR SIR I wish to thank all the people who voted for me in the Election, particularly those good people whom I had not the pleasure of knowing personally. I will be forever grateful to all my friends who swarmed around me to a man and were not found wanting when the test came. Without wishing to speak boastful, it was no small achievement to poll 5,652 without the unlimited funds available to the candidates of the big political parties. For this my supporters deserve all the credit. I am not disappointed with the result but rather am most encouraged by the support I received and I can assure all that I have no intention of packing my mouth for public life or keeping my mouth shut and will be there again if God spares me. I would have liked to have an opportunity of asking the big shots in the Dail a few pertinent questions about Limerick, who appear to think that all the factories must be built in Finglas, Clondalkin or Inchicore. Yet these are the very men that spout at the cross-roads about Dublin being top heavy. Every time I went on a deputation to start an industry in Limerick it was suggested no industry would come to the city because of the danger of strikes. I do not accept this and feel very strongly about it. Even John Bull, about whose love for Limerick each and every one of us have no illusions, saw fit to sponsor in Limerick some of the biggest industries of their kind in the world, e.g., the Condensed Milk Factory, the Bacon Factories, the Clothing Factory. Those industries hold their own against world-wide competition and put the name of Limerick on the map, making it synonymous with good quality and mark you, with Limerick labour I have no doubt whatsoever this strike complex of the Limerick workman was invented by the Fianna Fail Legs Diamonds in Dublin as an excuse for making a graveyard out of East Limerick, and the propaganda was faithfully spread by the local F.F. lap-dogs. I wish the Limerick representatives good luck and will be very interested in their progress. I know that all of them are mindful of the state of East Limerick with regard to unemployment. Yours faithfully, STEVE COUGHLAN.

## Side Of Car Cut Away In A Collision

THE right-hand side of a motor car was cut off as if with a saw and found rolled like a piece of tin after an impact, it was described at Ballynety Court, before Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., on Thursday of this week. Before the Court was the driver of a C.I.E. heavy tractor and trailer, Jeremiah Meredith, 29 Upper Rutland Street, Dublin, and the driver of the car, Colonel Gerald O'Grady, Kibballyowen, Bruff.

Each was charged with dangerous driving, while Meredith was additionally summoned for using a trailer (other than a land implement) drawn by a vehicle, the overall width of said trailer exceeding 8 feet; (2) and using a trailer the overall length of which exceeded 22 feet and which did not form part of an agricultural vehicle. Evidence was given that an excavator was being carried on the

# Boys Who Have No Aptitude For Secondary Education: Rector's Advice To Parents

BOYS who are put to a Secondary course of education without having any aptitude for it are wasting their time and the money of their parents, while they may have talent of a different nature. This important point was made by Very Rev. R. J. Tyndall, S.J., Rector, at the annual distribution of prizes in the Sacred Heart College, The Crescent, Limerick, on Tuesday evening. Father Tyndall said that "parents would save such money if they considered this matter very seriously before sending every boy to a secondary school."

The parents and friends of the prizewinners were welcomed by Very Rev. R. J. Tyndall, S.J. (Rector) at the annual distribution of prizes held in the Concert Hall last Tuesday evening. The Prefect of Studies (Rev. G. McLaughlin, S.J.) read his report of the work of the past year, gave the results in examinations and went through the names appearing on the printed booklet of boys receiving prizes and medals. A resume of the activities in the college, sodalities, mission work, etc., and the many facilities in the college were stressed. "In the coming term it was hoped to give more time and training to singing and the appreciation of music."

Father McLaughlin quoted some extracts from the Encyclical Letter of Pope Pius XII on Christian education to show "the ideal we have to keep before us." FATHER RECTOR'S ADDRESS. Father Rector began his remarks by expressing his gratitude to God for a wonderful protection over the lives of some four hundred boys. He thanked the Prefect of Studies and the teaching staff for their patience and perseverance in the arduous work of teaching and so great a work must appear futile and disappointing. Passing on to the confidence placed by the parents in the education given Father Rector said: "I think it well to point out to the parents that your boys are in the schoolroom only six hours on a full day's school and remain the other 18 in your homes. We realise our obligation to do whatever we can to teach your boys efficiently and solidly. We shall have to render an account of our stewardship to Almighty God. But so will you. As parents you have your part in this sort of contract. You must help us by creating an atmosphere of work in the home, by encouraging your boys to do their home work and memorise what has been appointed for the coming day. This will often mean that you must refuse many of those requests to go on errands and messages, which boys frequently suggest as a break away from home work."

SERIOUS MATTER FOR PARENTS. "I wonder if all the boys we have on our roll are capable of fit for secondary education?" Father Rector continued. "It can happen in one family that two out of three boys are quite able to do languages and science and mathematics, but the third boy has not interest or aptitude for this course. And that boy may have talent of a different nature. He may be a successful business man, a strong character and winning personality. But he is

turn to a practical business of their family, or share the work in the country farm. Parents would save such money if they considered this matter very seriously before sending every boy to a secondary school."

### ATTRACTION OF THE CINEMA.

Amongst other points in his remarks, Father Rector said: "Another matter which was worrying many parents was the magnetic attraction which the cinema had for their children. Some boys attend the cinema shows as often as three times a week. It is unfortunate that in this country we have no grading of films or matinees especially selected for young people. I have been asked by some parents to train the boys in being able to discern a good picture from a bad one; to be alert to see through what is false or untrue to life. I have received suggestions that we should include the film in matters of education, to impress lessons taught in the class room by films on historical subjects, art and music, etc. I have heard it said that the films rarely educate the young as the images pass so quickly on the screen and the mind is too distracted to retain very much information. The film strip or lantern slide has proved better. Still, we all can imagine how, with instruction, much information about short films, much information could be imparted. Certainly, it would be most desirable to prepare our boys for this particular danger so that the film or television will not prove a disastrous recreation. At the moment, though we possess a most up-to-date concert hall, we have no projector for films, and these instruments are costly things to buy. But, if it is considered a necessary instrument to do our work amongst the boys, we shall find some way of overcoming its cost."

At the conclusion of these remarks, Father Rector distributed the prizes. Father J. Tormey, S.J., read out the names of the prize-winners in the Preparatory School.

### ENTERTAINMENT.

A short entertainment given by the boys concluded the proceedings. The boys' choir sang "Western Ho!" and "The Sky Boat Song." The dictation and phrasing were particularly good. Master John O'Brien, who had just returned from singing in Dublin on Radio Eireann, sang in Irish and English, and received a great ovation. An amusing dramatic play was presented by the junior boys. They showed great earnestness in their portrayal of Persian Sultans, astrologers, robbers, etc. The cast consisted of the following: N. O'Higgins, J. Hogan, J. Killeen, T. Curtin, M. Shields, F.

## FINED £20 AND DISQUALIFIED FOR A YEAR

Thomas Hannon, Flagmount, Feakle, County Clare, was charged before Justice Gleeson at the City Court to-day with driving a car while drunk at Broad St., Limerick, on 21st May. Supt. P. Collieran, prosecuted, and Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr., appeared for the defendant.

GUARD'S EVIDENCE. Garda A. J. McDonagh said that on the 21st May, at 2.15 a.m., he was on duty in Charlotte Quay. He noticed a car going towards Baal's Bridge, which kept slowing down, accelerating and zig-zagging. He called the car to stop, but it went about 10 yards before pulling up. He told the driver to get out and stand. As he stood alongside the car the defendant swayed on his feet. There was a strong smell of drink from him and he appeared to be drowsy. Defendant had also difficulty in inserting the key in the lock to lock the car. Witness told him that he was unfit to drive a car and said he was taking him to the Garda Station. Defendant replied: "Alright. I had a few white drinks." Defendant swayed while being examined in the Day Room, but walked a straight line alright.

SPOKE COHERENTLY. Cross-examined by Mr. O'Malley, witness said that the defendant spoke coherently on the way to the station. He did not say that he had been up for three nights running. Defendant, however, did stagger, a few times on the way to the Barracks. A doctor could not be located that night.

In reply to the Justice, witness said the defendant had a few drinks taken, but he would not say he was drunk from a moral or social point of view.

Inspector M. Burns said he examined the defendant in the Barracks, his face was flushed, but he spoke slowly and distinctly. Defendant walked the straight line pretty good, but swayed slightly in other tests. Defendant's eyes were heavy and drowsy.

To Mr. O'Malley, witness said that the defendant co-operated with him in every way. Witness got the impression that the defendant had too much drink taken to drive a car.

In reply to the Justice, witness said that the defendant was not very bad, but he witness would not like to sit in a car with him that night.

### DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE.

Thomas Hannon, the defendant, said he had very little sleep for three nights. He had nothing to drink after eight o'clock on the evening in question. Before that he had six bottles of stout. As he was approaching the cross near Broad St. he turned back to wind up the windows, but before he had finished the Guard stopped him. He was very sleepy and tired and it was not the drink that affected him.

Cross-examined by Supt. Collieran, defendant said he had about six bottles of stout before leaving Flagmount, spread over a period of an hour. That was all the drink he had that day. The distance from Flagmount to Limerick was 40 miles.

At the Justice, defendant said it was a habit of his to close the windows just as he arrived near his place in Broad St., where he also resided.

### NOT A BAD CASE.

The Justice said it was not a bad case but the fact that the defendant was in the condition he was in that night was due to the fact that he had consumed six bottles of stout that day while he was in such a tired condition. He had no doubt that that was what affected him. He imposed a fine of £20 and disqualified the defendant from driving for 12 months.

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