

one it was picked up and surrendered to a lost property office, but never claimed.

The lost property department of C.I.E. can tell many a tale of the vagaries of memory, and could well solve the mystery of that missing article which you never found.

Every three months some 400 articles are left lying carelessly in buses and they are seldom if ever claimed. They mostly consist of umbrellas, objects of religious worship, such as prayer books, rosary beads and pamphlets; hats, headscarves and books of all sizes and descriptions.

Where is the little girl who never got around to reading "My First Reading of Little Red Riding Hood?" It is still waiting the touch of the little hand in the lost property office. Another book, "Woman Has Her Way," also awaits its owner. Perhaps two children are also wondering what happened to their fishing nets, while many grown-ups are wondering also what happened to their wallets. Even a splendid glass frame, meant, perhaps, to adorn a favourite picture, carefully wrapped, is still without its owner.

Other articles include men's trousers, gaberdine coats, plastics, pocket knives and miscellaneous assortments of wearing apparel.

In addition to such articles a good deal of cash is lost on the buses and within the last three months sums ranging from the tiny amount of three-pence to £9 10s. 1d. have been surrendered by bus conductors. Seventy-five per cent of the cash is claimed, but the strangest loss of all was £20 in notes in 1952, which was never claimed.

One good story the lost property mutely testifies to, that is the wonderful honesty of our bus conductors. Sums as small as 4d., 3d., 1/- and 1/8 have been handed in, not to mention the larger denomination of notes.

What becomes of the cash if unclaimed after the stipulated period of a year and a day? It is credited to C.I.E. There is no other way in which it can be disposed of according to the Company law.

And the lost articles which are never claimed? After a period of three months they are sent in bulk to Dublin where they are auctioned off. The description of each article and where it was found is carefully noted in duplicate, one of which is attached to the article itself and the other filed for official purposes. This ensures that no one but the rightful owner can claim it.

Foley Perpetual Challenge Cup Feis winners

At the Carlow Feis on Sunday last, pupils of Mrs. Penny's School of Dancing were successful. Cup winners were: Breda Gorey and

City firm buys former factory tobacco

GOOD news to-day from the Limerick business front! Messrs. Stokes and McKiernan, the well-known electrical and motor-cycle wholesale firm, of Bedford Row, have purchased the extensive premises formerly known as Spillane's tobacco factory in Sarsfield Street. The deal was closed yesterday, but the purchase price, which was made with a private individual, was not disclosed.

In an exclusive interview with a "Limerick Leader" reporter this morning, Mr. J. W. Stokes, a Director, stated that it was the intention of their firm to vacate their present premises on both sides of Bedford Row, because of expanding business. It was becoming too congested and it was the Company's desire to house the business under one roof.

The announcement is all the happier because of the fact that the change over coincides with the firm's Golden Jubilee year which was celebrated in a most fitting manner earlier this year. Over 60 employees are engaged in the business which has the proud record of never having a labour dispute of any kind during its 30 years service to the community.

The new premises will have wholesale showrooms, and considerable more space in which to operate. The change over, however, will not take place for about six months, as Messrs. Toild and Co. are in temporary possession pending the completion of their new building in O'Connell Street.

Spillane's is a five-storey building and contains a lift and four hoists as well as rare entrances from Honan's Quay.

LIMERICK - BORN NUN'S DEATH IN AMERICA

The death has occurred at St. Mary's Infirmary, Galveston, Texas, U.S., to which she was attached for the past 31 years, of Sister Mary Davidica, nee May Ryan, Limerick, who emigrated

MANAGER OF AUSTRALIAN HOTEL

Mr. Alan Sexton, a son of Mrs. and the late Alfred J. Sexton, Auctioneer, and a brother of Mr. N. Lionel Sexton, Auctioneer, O'Connell St., Limerick, was recently appointed manager of the Hotel Tasman, which was built on ultra-modern lines at Port Lincoln, South Australia.

A luxury hotel, erected on the site of the Grand Hotel, the Hotel Tasman is one of the finest of its kind in South Australia.

Mr. Sexton was on the controlling staff of the Governor-General for 31 years and is in Australia since 1951. He is married to an Adelaide lady.

That the directors placed their faith in Mr. Sexton to successfully look after their interests stems from the high reputation which the young Limerickman has gained during his eleven years "down under."

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