

...car into a
...at Limerick Lib-
...to-day, before District
... Flood, B.L.
...Clegg, Main Street,
...summoned for danger-
...at Woodpark, Castle-
...the 10th January.
...being prosecuted; Mr.
...well, solicitor, defended.
...S. Gaffney, solicitor,
...ing brief for the in-

WAS STRUCK.
...in reply to the
...said that he re-
...odpark, Castle-
...and for Denis Sweeney,
...ing gravel. On the 10th
...was working at the pit
...finished at about 5
...sequently on the road
...mp on his cart, and
...ed home. He remem-
...to the quarry hill after
...Rookby's house, and
...back on the road
...little lights, and
...were the lights of
...thing he went on for
...as he did so he
...t that wheels had
...cart—he was struck
...As he lay on the
...ard a crash, and the
...ed over. He got up
...with the horse and
...the winkers were
...the two shafts of the
...ken off. At the time
...now what caused the
...knew subsequently
...car had struck him.
...ined by Mr. O'Don-
...said that the accident
...it was 5.30 and 6
...was lighting up
...when he noticed a
...ad come out of Daly's
...mises coming from
...ection with lights on
...ed it was lighting up
...s standing up on the
...iving, but would not
...e horse bolted and so
...e damage when the
...r struck into the re-

WITNESS'S EVIDENCE.
...egg, in reply to Mr.
...that on the date in
...was returning from
...his head lights were
...had his side lights on;
...lights. He admitted
...into the rere of the
...horse bolted and the
...own off the cart. As
...cart careered away
...ent up on the ditch
...ft broke. Witness
...ackle the horse.
...tice—Witness said it
...g of the horse which
...damage.
...ing disagreed inas-
...defendant, he sub-
...defective lights, and
...to the rere of the cart
...in the subsequent
...caused.
**THE CASE VERY
...ONESTLY.**
...in giving his decision,
...defendant had faced
...very honestly, and
...his own lights were
...would impose a fine
...charge of careless
...allow 5/- expenses.

HOEMAKER
...
**BEND KNEE TO
HIM**
...("Limerick Leader.")
...Mangaire Sugac's
...smith in a recent
...y interesting and it
...ne to learn that a
...as he called him,
...was not as big a
...respect as a smith.
...course, that a lot of
...been written about
...ith of Limerick"
...and O'Donohue." His-
...tended to cult the
...asons, and it has
...to a great extent in
...Of course we, poor
...not make as much
...smith, or we are not
...to have some well-
...osely connected with
...to have made their
...to mention one

...rick from the City Branch of the
...National Federation of Irish ex-
...Servicemen:—

A Chara—Our committee would
be glad if in all future cases of
employment you would give pre-
ferential treatment to our mem-
bers. We have a register of
unemployed members and would be
pleased to offer you suitable per-
sonnel for any employment you
might have available.

You will appreciate the fact that
notwithstanding all our efforts, a
very large number of ex-servicem-
en in this city are still unem-
ployed.

Some months ago the Govern-
ment appealed to employers to co-
operate by engaging only or mainly
ex-servicemen. The response to
this appeal was misleadingly op-
timistic, for in terms of actual
figures only 889 ex-officers and men
have so far been given positions
by co-operating employers.

The figures at the present date
do not tell the whole story. A
great number of those now em-
ployed are on temporary or sea-
sonal work.

The highest unemployment figures
of ex-servicemen yet reached was
8,323 in April, 1946, but it is es-
timated that in January, 1947, at least
14,000 were without work.

There is one solution to this
problem, one which nearly 9,000 of
our comrades have been obliged to
accept—that of emigration to Eng-
land. For six years and more these
men served their country and people
faithfully. Is emigration the only
solution that the country and
people can offer in recompense?

We feel that in appealing to the
employers in Limerick that we will
not do so in vain, and that they will
co-operate with us in placing our
comrades in suitable employment.

The foregoing letter is signed by
the Chairman, Secretary and Treas-
urer of the Branch.

CAUSES OF INCREASE

ESTIMATE FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL

On the proposition of Mr. M.
O'Donnell, Co.C., Limerick Mental
Hospital Board at their meeting
this evening, Mr. M. J. K. Dore,
solt., Co.C., presiding, unanimously
adopted estimates of expenses for
the Board during the year ending
March 31st, 1948, providing for a
total expenditure of £79,470, as
against £68,610 for the past year,
making an increase between the
two years of £10,860.

The main sources of increased
expenditure are:—Salaries and
wages, the figure for which shows
an increase of £6,500 over last year;
the figure for superannuation shows
an increase of £3,000; the proposed
expenditure on the farms will be
£1,300 above that for last year;
proposed outlay on clothing and
bedding will be £500 above that
estimated for at the beginning of
1946. The proposed expenditure on
heating, lighting and water, at
£10,000, shows a decrease of £500
over last year, and outlay on loan
charges a decrease of £300.

The estimated receipts for the
coming year indicate a total in-
crease of £930 over the amount
taken credit for at the beginning
of last year, the main estimated in-
creases being from contributions
from salaries and wages under
Asylum Officers Superannuation
Act, 1909, £750.

A full report of the discussion
on the estimates will appear in our
week-end issue.

BACK DOOR OPEN

AND MEN WALKED IN

Before District Justice, Gleeson
at Ennistymon Court, Teresa Mad-
gan, Main Street, Ennistymon, was
fined £3 for a breach of the licen-
sing laws. Defendant pleaded
guilty to "opening."

Supt. McCarron said that at
8.45 on Sunday 5th January, Guard
Cahill saw a man leave a half-
crown on the table and the defen-
dant go into the bar. He went in

It was stated in Washington to-
day that America was now in a
position to supply Britain with all
the coal she required. American
coal in sufficient quantities, how-
ever, could not be got to England in
time to ease the crisis.

Our Dublin correspondent, pho-
ning this evening, states that wide-
spread unemployment is feared in
consequence of the cancellation of
coal purchase permits by the
Minister for Industry and Com-
merce. Only certain vital industries
and services will escape the coal
purchase ban, which was imposed
for the purpose of conserving avail-
able supplies. The industries ex-
cluded from the purchase ban are
food production, fertilisers, news-
papers, soap, laundries and opera-
tions relating to harbours and
docks.

It is hoped that the industries
named will be able to carry on with
the available coal stocks until fresh
deliveries arrive.

A London message says that im-
portant new decisions relating to the
fuel crisis were reached at a meet-
ing of the British Cabinet to-day.
It is thought that the decisions
come to will still further restrict
the services at present being given
to institutions and domestic users
throughout the entire country.

It is anticipated that an official
statement embodying the decisions
of the Cabinet will be issued to-
night.

MAYOR'S TRIBUTE

LATE FATHER CREAGH, C.S.S.R.

The meeting of the City Council
last night adjourned for a week as
a mark of respect to the memory
of Very Rev. John Creagh, C.S.S.R.,
who died recently in New Zealand.
The late Father Creagh was born
in the Parish of St. Munchin. He
was a former Director of the Arch-
Confraternity of the Holy Family
attached to the Redemptorist
Church.

The Mayor (Mr. J. C. Hickey)
said that they had all heard of
Father Creagh's death with very
deep regret. He was a brilliant
Limerick man and a noble member
of a noble Order. Throughout his
long and arduous life, Father
Creagh had laboured untiringly for
the salvation of souls and for the
upliftment of the working classes.
He proposed that the Council tender
an expression of very sincere sym-
pathy to the relatives of the
deceased and to the Redemptorist
Order. He would also propose that
the meeting adjourn as a mark of
respect.

All the other members present—
Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Ald. J. Reidy,
T.D.; Ald. J. Carew, Ald. M. Har-
ney, Councillors M. J. Keyes, T.D.;
M. B. O'Malley, solicitor; M. W.
McGuire, P. Whelan, P. J. Don-
nellan and J. Connery—associated
themselves with the Mayor's tribute
to the memory of the late Father
Creagh.

The meeting then adjourned until
next Monday evening.

LICENSED TRADE

CHARLEVILLE PUBLICANS

MEET

A meeting of local licensed
traders was held in the Courthouse,
Charleville, for the purpose of con-
sidering the position of the trade
in the light of present-day difficul-
ties (writes our Charleville cor-
respondent). Mr. Michael O'Mah-
ony presided and others present
were Messrs. Thomas O'Regan,
Michael Griffin, Cornelius Crowe,
Martin O'Donnell, Patrick Crow-
ley, D. Cussen, Richard Barrett,
David Ryan, Edward Wilson,
Ed. O'Flaherty, Denis T. Cronin,
Wm. Burke, John Geary, Wm.
Leo, Jerh. Dinan, Miss Dinneer.
Mrs. F. O'Riordan and Mrs. S.
O'Riordan. Other traders who were
unable to be present sent word
promising support in any decisions
arrived at.

E.L., D.J.
Peter Long, Blackboy Pike, Lime-
rick, and his wife, Charlotte Long,
were charged with unlawfully sell-
ing a quantity of firewood blocks,
suitable for domestic purposes, at
a price in excess of the maximum
controlled price, contrary to the
Emergency Powers (Control of
Prices) Order.

Supt. P. Collieran prosecuted and
Mr. N. S. Gaffney, solr., defended.

Mrs. Norah Moloney, in reply to
the Superintendent, said that on
the 3rd of December last she went
to Mrs. Long and ordered a quarter
ton of blocks. She paid her 12/6
for them with an extra 2/6 for
delivery. They were delivered to
her house at Ballinacurra between
the 7th and 10th of December, and
witness and her husband thought
that the blocks received were under
the weight ordered. Her husband
reported the matter to the Guards.
After she received the blocks she
did not take any of them away, for
they were not interfered with until
they were sent to be weighed.

WITNESS CROSS-EXAMINED.

Cross-examined by Mr. Gaffney,
witness said that the blocks were
lying in the yard for only one day,
and they were put under lock and
key, with the result that nobody
got near them. Later they were
taken to be weighed on a cart and
it was found that the shortage was
3 qrs.

John Moloney, husband of the
previous witness, added that the
blocks were delivered on a Mon-
day evening and he got them
weighed on the following Wednes-
day morning.

Cross-examined, witness agreed
that when the matter was reported
to Mrs. Long the deficiency was
made up.

Austin Murphy gave evidence of
weighing the blocks.

Guard Kelleher gave evidence of
going to Mrs. Long, who agreed
that she got the order from Mrs.
Moloney.

To Mr. Gaffney, Witness agreed
that her husband, Peter Long, had
nothing to do with the transaction.
On the night he called there were
no blocks made up in ordered lots
in the yard.

WEIGHING OF THE BLOCKS.

Peter Long, in evidence, said
that it was his wife and boy who
usually weighed the blocks, and
they weighed them on the occasion
in question. It was also usual to
see blocks strewn around the yard
and it was usual for customers to
take them away immediately after
giving the order. It was possible on
the occasion in question that some
customer took a bag or two in
error from Mrs. Moloney's order.

To the Superintendent, witness
denied that he had anything to do
with the sales. He cut up the
timber, but his wife sold the blocks.
Charlotte Long, in evidence, said
that somebody might have inter-
fered with the blocks just before
delivery was made.

Supt. Collieran told his Worship
that blocks were sold outside the
borough at 40/- per ton. That price
applied in the present case, and
there was a deficiency in weight to
the value of 8/-.

A fine of £2, with £1 expenses,
was imposed on Charlotte Long,
and the other charge was dismissed.

A GOOD MOVE

DINNER FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The first step taken by the re-
cently formed Ladies' Section of
Hospital Guild of Muintra na Tíre,
and a very admirable and praise-
worthy one, is the organisation of
a Penny Dinners Fund for the
school children of the town and
parish whose parents are in poor
circumstances (writes our Hospi-
tal correspondent). Cooking con-
veniences have been installed in
the Guild's Rooms and upwards
of 50 school children are daily given
a warm, nourishing meal, which is
comprised of potatoes, soup and a

An interesting point arose
Ennistymon District Court with
Peter Skehan, New Road, En-
tymon, applied for a dance lice-
se in respect of the Sluagh Hall,
Lahinch, usually used for the tre-
ing of the Local Defence Force.

Mr. P. J. Chambers, solr., said
was in the extraordinary pos-
tion of moving an application that
did not think was legally neces-
sary. The Hall was the property of
the Minister for Defence, but some
person had made regulations gover-
ning its use, and one of the regu-
lations was that a licence had to
be applied for before the Hall could
be used for public dancing. Con-
tention was that such a regu-
lation could not alter the statute.

Supt. McCarron said no les-
person than the Minister for
Defence had made the regulations.

DANCE HALLS ACT.

The Public Dance Halls Act,
1935, was referred to and Dist-
Justice Gleeson said the Act
stated: "The Act shall not apply
relation to public dancing car-
on in any recreation room man-
aged or conducted under the au-
thority of the Minister for Defence."
The interpretation, he said, de-
pended on how a person read the
Section. The whole point was
whether the authority of the Minis-
ter for Defence referred to in the
sentence related to public dance-
ing or to the recreation room. The
sentence could be read two ways.
Supt. McCarron said he contended
that the dance would not be held
under the authority of the Minis-
ter for Defence.

District Justice Gleeson said
fact that the Hall was let to some
person for the night did not make
the Hall less under the Ministe-
r's authority. The plain meaning
of the Section, so far as he could
see, was that dancing could be held
in any recreation room conduct-
ed under the authority of the Minis-
ter. He could not grant a licence
because he had no jurisdiction to
do so. He could not state a case
for the jurisdiction but if anyone
wanted to go further with the case
he would have to go by way of
certiorari or mandamus.

AS MATTER OF INTEREST

Supt. McCarron mentioned, as
matter of interest, that licences
had been granted in respect of a num-
ber of similar Halls, and Mr. Cham-
bers remarked that a slight adden-
dum to the Section would settle the
whole matter.

The Justice marked the case for
jurisdiction.

LOCAL RELATIVE

OF NEW SOUTH WALES PREMIER

Mr. James Gregory McGirr, who
was elected Prime Minister of New
South Wales on Wednesday of last
week (writes our Charleville cor-
respondent) is the son of an Irish dairy
farmer who settled in Parkes,
New South Wales country town.
Labour man, he is 56 years of age
his father coming from Mayo and
his mother from the Charleville
district, where a first cousin of his
Mr. Stephen Hickey, the well-known
South of Ireland cattle dealer, re-
sides at Ballysally, Charleville.
Other first cousins of Mr. McGirr
are Mr. Owen Hickey, of Feenagh,
County Limerick, brother of Mr.
Stephen Hickey, Messrs. Michael
Michael Naughton, Newtownshandrum,
Charleville, bullock and tractor;
Patrick Naughton, of Glen-
gariffe, Charleville, farmer; David
Naughton, of Feohanagh, Co. Lime-
rick, farmer; and Mrs. Margaret
O'Regan, of Ballyagran, Co. Lime-
rick, farmer. The Naughton
mother, Mrs. Eliza O'Sullivan; Mr.
Hickey's mother, and Mr. McGirr
mother were sisters; the family
home being at Gibbonsgrove, Char-
leville. Mr. McGirr's mother married
a Mr. John McGirr, a dairy farmer
of Louisburgh, Co. Mayo, and the
parties settled in Parkes, New
South Wales, after emigrating over
70 years ago. The new Prime
Minister was born there on the 30th
of October, 1891. Prior to the out-
break of the war in 1939, Mr.
McGirr's brother, Mr. John Joseph
Gregory McGirr, also a member of
the New South Wales Parliament