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HALPIN'S TEA

JOSEPH'S DRIVING WHILE DRUNK CHARGE DISMISSED

WILLIAM HAYES, 8 Patricks-well, was charged before Justice D. F. Gleeson at the City Court to-day with driving a motor (auto) cycle while drunk, in the South Circular Road on the 17th February. Supt. P. Collieran prosecuted, and Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solr., appeared for the defendant.

INSPECTOR'S EVIDENCE.
Inspector Murphy said that on the date in question he was returning home about 10.50 p.m. At the entrance to Greenpark in the S.C.R. he saw the defendant sitting on a motor cycle and he had his hands on the handlebars and he appeared to be endeavouring to start it. Witness questioned him and the defendant appeared to be slow and incoherent in his speech. He was heavy on his feet and staggered, and his eyes were drowsy. Witness had no doubt that the defendant was unfit to drive a motor cycle, and he brought him to O'Curry Street Station and charged him.

To Mr. O'Donnell, witness said that at no time was the bicycle in motion.

Sergt. D. Buckley said that when the defendant walked around the dayroom he staggered. Witness got a smell of drink from him and formed the opinion that the defendant was not fit to drive a vehicle.

NEARLY FELL.
Guard Keane said the defendant staggered while walking across the room, and when he went to sit down on a chair he nearly fell off. When witness heard him speaking he knew he was drunk.

Mr. O'Donnell submitted that the only evidence that concerned the Court was the evidence of Inspector Murphy, who stated that the defendant was sitting on the bicycle and appeared to be endeavouring to start it. The charge stated the defendant was driving while drunk, but no evidence had been given to show that the bicycle was in motion. Mr. O'Donnell then quoted a Supreme Court decision on the matter, which had dismissed a case brought under similar circumstances in respect of a motor car.

ESSENTIAL OPERATION.
Supt. Collieran contended that one of the essentials of controlling and managing a motor-bike was to sit on it. If the bicycle was not held it would naturally fall down. By sitting on the bike, therefore, the defendant had performed an essential operation in the matter of driving. There was a great dissimilarity between driving a motor car and a motor bike.

Mr. O'Donnell pointed out that the Section of the Act included motor bicycles as well as cars.

The Justice called the defendant before the Court and told him that on an account of the wording of the statute there was a legal difficulty in convicting him. If he had moved the bicycle even for about six inches he would have found himself in a very serious position, or even in jail. The defendant should be entirely grateful to Inspector Murphy. Only for him the defendant would probably be dead now.

Mayor Will Declare Himself Admiral Of The Shannon

IT was an old time custom in Limerick for the Mayor to proceed down the river on a certain day during his term of office and from a boat throw a dart to mark the extent of his jurisdiction as Admiral of the Shannon. This traditional event fell into disuse many years ago but it is to be revived in connection with the coming great St. Patrick's Week festival in the city.

Feile Padraig, Limerick's own Saint Patrick's Week festival, promises to be one of the greatest voluntary series of celebrations ever staged in the city, according to reports, from the various committees, submitted to Wednesday night's meeting of the Executive of Coisde La Le Padraig. The Mayor of Limerick, Ald. G. E. Russell, presided at the meeting.

An elaborate programme for a series of parades, processions, displays, exhibition, concerts, sporting events and other functions, was presented to the meeting.

CIVIC PROCESSION TO SAINT PATRICK'S WELL.

Feile Padraig will open with a great civic procession to Saint Patrick's Well, where an official opening ceremony will take place.

Throughout the week, celebrations, including community prayer, "Irish Nights," etc., will take place at the city Marian Shrines. The Executive has allotted a Special Local Night to each area and it is proposed to arrange transport facilities to enable spectators to attend.

The Window Display, organised by the Development Association, will be another week-long event. It is also proposed to have an exhibition on the theme "Limerick Old and New," and an exhibition of the work being done by students of the Vocational Schools. Various concerts and recitals will also take place.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK.
The highlight of the week will be the Saint Patrick's Day Parade of trade displays and civilian organisations. The applications for inclusion in the Industrial Parade

are more numerous than in previous years, and the entrants are making outstanding efforts to arrange novel and more attractive presentations.

During the evening of the Holyday, a torchlight procession will take place to Saint Patrick's Well. Cellidhes, concerts and other functions will also be featured.

CASTING THE DART.
During the week, it is proposed that the Mayor, Ald. G. E. Russell, will revive the traditional Mayoral custom of declaring himself as Admiral of the Shannon. It is planned that the Mayor will embark on the Shannon, escorted by a fleet of small boats, bedecked with bunting and lanterns, and cast the dart historically associated with this ceremony.

An impassioned appeal was made by Commandant David Dundon, Chairman of the Coisde for public decorations throughout the city during the Feile. The entrances to the city will be spanned by Feilte banners. Various local groups will be approached to undertake this task.

FIRESIDE CHATS.
It is intended to extend the local voluntary celebrations by requesting local and parish committees outside the housing estate areas to organise Fireside Chats, with an Irish theme.

The Mayor will appeal personally to local national advertisers to use Irish during the week.

Organisations in a position to contribute to the programme of events are requested to communicate with Coisde La Le Padraig as soon as possible.

Mr. Feely's Challenge To Minister

MR. JOHN FEELY, Deputy-President, Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers' Association, in Limerick, to-day, referred to the statement made by the Minister for Agriculture in the Dail yesterday to the

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