

1st of January, 1950, the bonus granted them. They were fully entitled to such consideration but it is a positive wrong to deny the same treatment to others equally deserving. As a matter of fact, the claims of those who retired before the date mentioned and gave a full term of service are particularly strong by reason of the fact that for many years they were very badly paid. In logic and in justice no case whatever can be made for the disgraceful differentiation contained of.

The Pensioned Teachers' Association in a reasoned official statement has put the situation in a way that very effectively exposes a case of definitely great hardship. As quite properly points out, the lump sum retiring allowance must be regarded in the nature of a deferred or reversionary bonus. Otherwise, it pertinently asks, why should it have been granted in full measure to all teachers retiring as from 1st of January, 1950? Retired teachers who have received this bonus must have earned a proportion of it for each year served—that is, over a period of 45 years ending on 1st of January, 1950. Surely the teachers excluded and who served the State within the same period earned and are fully entitled to a similar allowance.

"There is no power in the tongue of man to deny this contention," rightly declares the Association, "and the withholding of the grant from these retired teachers, by blindly setting a deadline in its allocation, is an injustice which cannot be allowed to continue in fair-minded Administration." Decent public opinion all over the country will readily endorse and support this comment, which is to no extent an extravagant or exaggerated statement. Every vehicle of popular opinion, indeed, has already expressed support for the claims of the pensioned teachers affected but the same view should be again put on record by all the bodies that have previously spoken on the matter, which is one that urgently calls for settlement on fully equitable lines.

At a meeting of Limerick City and County Branch of the Pensioned Teachers' Association, as was reported in our last week-end issue, resolutions were passed urging a continuance of public support, as the demand for fair treatment is still unsatisfied, and protesting vigorously

hard labour for a month. Stephen Lillis, 11 Little Barrington Street, was also charged with bicycle larceny. He pleaded guilty. Mr. Tynan appeared for him. **ANOTHER BICYCLE CASE** Sergeant Daniel Griffin said one of the two bicycles with the theft of which Lillis was charged was stolen in 1950. He found that one, dismantled, in an outhouse near the defendant's home. Lillis took the second bicycle from outside a house. He left that one back. Mr. Tynan said the defendant wasn't very well either mentally or physically. He had now got a job and would begin working solidly soon. The Justice fined the defendant a total of £2 and ordered him to pay £4 15s, compensation to the owner of the dismantled bicycle. Mr. James O'Farrell, within a month.

HE WORE THE MAYORAL CHAIN



MR. P. J. DONNELLAN, first elected to Limerick City Council in 1925, was elected Mayor on June 24th, 1930, and was re-elected to the office in 1931 and 1932. During his term in the Civic Chair the Freedom of the City was conferred on Most Rev. Dr. Downey, Archbishop of Liverpool. In the three years of his Mayoralty several important developments and improvements took place in the municipality. At the great Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932 he acted as Gantry Bearer. With the Corporation he attended in State at the ceremonies to mark the completion of the extension to the Franciscan Church and the dedication and opening of St. Mary's New Church, and as Chairman of the Harbour Board he cut the first sod of the Docks Extension Scheme.

WILL SHOW A CREDIT BALANCE

Figures submitted by the Acting C.E.O. (Mr. J. O'Donnell) at last night's meeting of the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee showing that the working of the vocational scheme of education in the city for the 1951-'52 session would give an estimated credit balance of £3,425. The Acting C.E.O. said that Government grants for the session would total £23,149, while the local authority grant would be £5,448. He estimated that the total receipts would be £34,577, and the total expenditure, £31,152. The members expressed satisfaction with the estimate.

TREES FOR IRELAND

Mr. K. Imbusch, Hon. Secretary of the Limerick Branch of the Trees For Ireland Association, asks us to publish the following:—The Committee of the local branch of Eire fe Crannaibh wish to thank all who helped to make the flag day on Saturday last a success. Their co-operation has been deeply appreciated. The Committee are visiting the recently established nursery at Cratloe for the growing of young trees on Sunday next. This has been made possible through the kind assistance of Mr. Haas, Forestry Office, Mallow Street.

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Limerick To Have Bottled Food Exhibition

ON the 15th and 16th October there will be an exhibition of bottled food, fruit, vegetables, meat, etc., in St. Anne's Vocational School, Limerick. Reference was made to the exhibition at last night's meeting of the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee at which Mr. P. J. Donnellan, B.C., chairman, presided. The Acting C.E.O. (Mr. J. O'Donnell) said that Miss Anna Wilson, the E.C.A. food and nutrition expert, lectured in many places in the country, and as a result, the exhibits on view would be from members of the I.C.A., Macra na Feirme, Muinntir na Tire, and the Domestic Economy Classes all over the country. The Acting C.E.O. added that Mr. Dexter, E.C.A. representative, would attend the exhibition, as well as Very Rev. M. J. Hayes, P.P., Bansa, founder of Muinntir na Tire; Mr. P. J. Meghen, Limerick County Manager, etc. It was proposed to have the Mayor (Mr. S. Coughlan, B.C.) officially declare open the exhibition. The Acting C.E.O. said, in conclusion, that the Department was anxious to make a cine show of the exhibition, so that the film could be sent on to E.C.A. He had arranged for one of their teachers, Mr. Joe White, to make the film.

"Government" Ejected From Publichouse

When Garda P. McCormack, at the request of the licensee, ejected Michael Coffey, Moyhill, Cratloe, from the licensed premises of Julia Ryan, Bunratty, Coffey threatened the Garda—"I am the Government now. I'll have you cleared out of the district." Supt. John Flynn, prosecuting Coffey at Sixmillebridge Court yesterday for refusing to leave the licensed premises, said that defendant's conduct was that of a drunken bully. Mr. I. Houllihan, solicitor, defending, admitted that his client had behaved very badly. He was sorry and had taken the pledge. Justice Gordon Hurley imposed a fine of 40/-.

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Cut Trees Without Felling Permit

At Sixmillebridge Court yesterday, before Justice Gordon Hurley, the Minister for Lands charged Michael Moloney, Cloughalla, and Patrick Lynch, Feenagh, with cutting 16 spruce, ash and oak trees, being over ten years old, in the months of March and April last without having the required felling permit. Mr. F. O'Reilly, solicitor, prosecuting, told the Court that Moloney was the owner of the trees, and held a permit to cut 100 beech trees. Michael Moloney (examined by Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solr. defending) alleged that Lynch produced a letter from Sergeant Daly authorising the cutting of the trees. "I said: 'Show me the letter,' and he put it in his pocket," Lynch had never paid him a cent. Patrick Lynch admitted receiving £18 for the trees. He had paid Moloney £10 in a Limerick restaurant. Both defendant's were convicted and fined £8 and 10/- expenses each.

Black-Out At Shannon Airport

Due to electrical power failure, Shannon was blacked out for about two hours this morning (writes our special correspondent at the Airport). Lights failed shortly after 2 a.m., just as the passengers of a K.L.M. plane bound for New York were entering the terminal. The emergency supply of candles was hastily pressed into service, however, and the travellers took part in what had all the appearance of a Christmas party. Power and light were restored at 4 a.m.

Was Keeping The West Awake!

"She came across Ireland without a silencer; she certainly meant to keep the West awake," remarked Justice Gordon Hurley when fining Mrs. Eileen Cleary 10/- at Sixmillebridge Court yesterday for driving a motor car without a silencer at Newmarket-on-Fergus on 22nd August last. Garda James O'Neill, prosecuting, told the Court that the car was making a terrible noise. Mr. Casey, solicitor, defending, pleaded that the defendant's car had a defective silencer, which had since been replaced free of cost.

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