

country's worst black spot, according to government statistics.

Figures for the entire Mid-West region, just out, show that unemployment generally in the area has risen by more than a third in the past year.

There were, at the end of April—when the count was last taken—no less than 16,663 people out of work,

diately broke a window and rescued Mr Collins' two youngest children, 5-year-old Cora and 3-year-old Thomas, as smoke filled the room.

The two men who performed the rescue were later named as Des Gallivan, of Coolraine Terrace, Ennis Road, and Jim Barry, of 39 Ballyclough Avenue,

## LIMERICK BRIDGE

Ald Pat Kennedy has called on the city manager and the Department of Local Government to expedite the making of a bridge order.

## GOLDSLOCKS

The filming of goldilocks by Eamonn O'Connor, the

Miss Bridget W Fitzgibbon, of Oola, Co Limerick, has been appointed health inspector, Eastern health board.

## RACING SUCCESS

The Madden family of Clonlara and Cathedral Place, Limerick, had another racing success on Wednesday. Last week, 14-years-old Niall Madden won his first race at the Limerick racehorse meeting. The last race at Galway on Wednesday was won by Derryfadda at 25-1. The horse was bred by P J Madden and named after a district in Clonlara.

## 30 YEARS AGO

### RARE COIN

Eleven-year-old Robert Curtin, of Ascal Clocaun, Garryowen, Limerick, likes collecting old coins. Every half-penny he finds, he examines the date on it

What was his surprise, recently, when he picked up a half-penny ... and the date on it was 1691. He has since refused offers from many people who wished to buy it from him.

It happened when Robert was walking along beside where old

houses in Garryowen were being demolished to make way for new ones.

The excavators have churned up large mounds of clay and old foundations. Robert noticed a dark-looking coin lying in the clay.

It is in a reasonably good state of preservation. On one side is the head of King James II of England, surrounded by the inscription, "Iacobus II, Dei Gratia". On the other side in the image of a queen with a harp, surrounded by the inscription, "Hibernia, 1691"

Perhaps it is one of the famous "gun-money" coins which were minted by King James as he melted down parts of his guns because the cash ran short.

### CATTLE TRUCK

The cattle truck and trailer stolen from Limerick during Monday night was found, yesterday afternoon, crashed on the main Bruff-Knocklong road, 20 miles from the city.

It was valued at over £6,000, weighed over ten tons, and was capable of

carrying 30 cattle

It disappeared from outside the premises of Michael Fahy, Fairgreen, Limerick, where it had been placed at midnight.

Mr Fahy was due to leave for the North Wall, Dublin, at 6 o'clock with a lorry and trailer load of cattle when he discovered that the vehicle was missing.

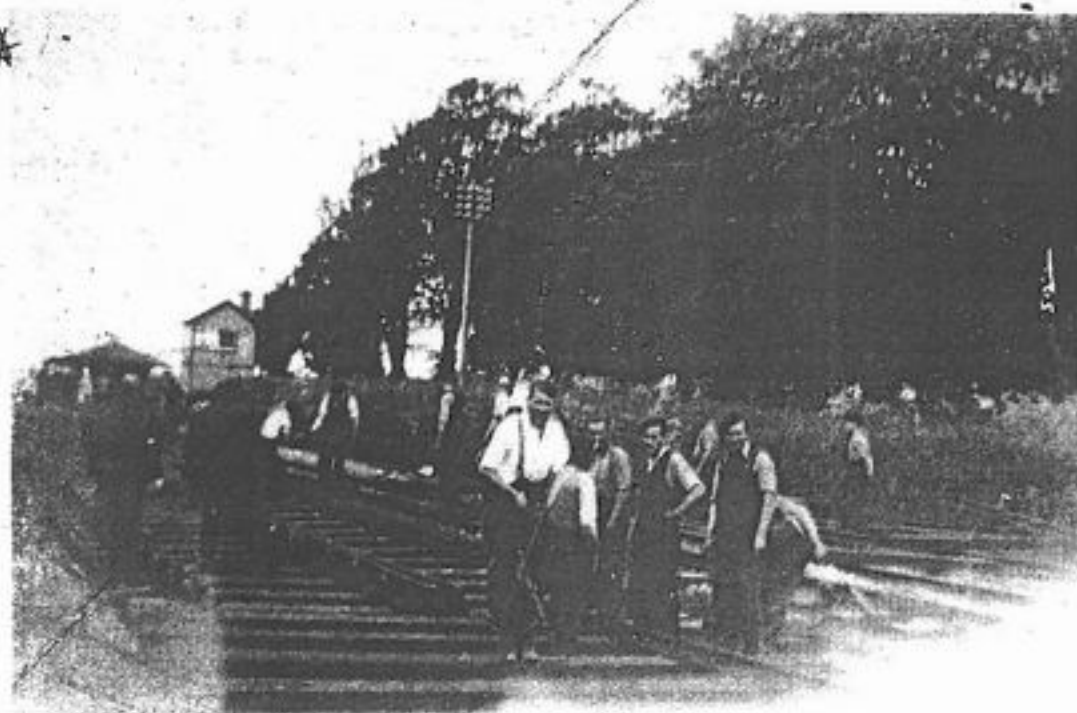
## STONEMASONS

The Limerick branch of the Guild of Incorporated Brick and Stonelayers' Union met in the Hotel Cecil to honour four of its oldest members: William McNamara, Joseph Gleeson, Joseph Cavanagh, and George Ryan. Then attendance included Frank O'Connor, national secretary.

### TRIBUTES TO GARDA

Tributes were paid by Justice M de Burca to Garda Tom McCarthy, who was retiring from the force. He is a native of Youghaall, and joined the Garda force in 1923, and had spent 30 years of his service in Limerick.

He was made a presentation by his colleagues and by the people of Thomondgate before his



A group of Great Southern Railways linesmen at Killonan Junction, on June 8 1947, between Limerick and Limerick Junction. They were renewing the railway cross-points, which involved the lifting and replacing of much rail. The work was necessitated by the growth of the post-war "working" of the line by faster trains: the conditions of the Emergency 1940-'46 had prevented any extensive maintenance work, and the steam trains during the war had been slow anyway because of the poor fuel available, oftentimes damp turf—it took a whole day to get to Dublin, or even Kilkee. The picture was kindly loaned by Jim O'Rahilly.