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added incentive—and in passing, one should say that even this praiseworthy scheme is not without its snags. For, once again, the award of grants is subject to a means test. "I feel that the grants schemes should be amended to allow each and every one of these students to attend un- versity if he or she so desires." Mr. Ruddock spoke of the value of a university in Lime- rick to Villiers School. "I should mention too that the four honours qualification will obviously create its own special problems and may well lead to a greater degree of specialisation, but again in a school such as ours it is not easy to put on special classes in any subject for those who may want specialist attention.

"Incidentally, one real advan- tage of a university in Lime- rick for Villiers would be the possibility of our being able to avail of the services of part- time lecturers for specialist subjects. "If for nothing else I would who- cheartedly support the scheme and I hope it will bear fruition." On the future of Villiers, Mr. Ruddock stated: "Much is going on behind the scenes in the Department of Education and it is exceed- ingly difficult to keep abreast of the many changes in educa- tion.

"Of one thing I am certain— there is a very real need for Villiers and the Department is conscious of the role we are playing in the south-west. "They are ready and willing to co-operate with our board in any sensible plans it may for- mulate for the future needs of the school."

Art Prizewinners

Prize-winners in R.T.E.'s Arts competitions for the Limerick-Kerry-Clare region were announced at the School of Art and Music, Mulgrave Street, yester- day.

John McInerney, Glenade, Bal- linacurra, Limerick, and Mrs. Maeve Kelly, Clonmony, Co. Clare, tied for first prize in the Poetry Section.

Miss Denise Ryan, Corbally, Limerick, won first prize in the painting section; Michael O'Brien, Cappamore, Co. Lime- rick, first prize for graphics; and Terry Leahy, Iona Drive, N.C. Road, Limerick, and Tom Fitz- gerald, Pallaskenry, Co. Lime- rick, shared the first prize in the sculpture section.

Two young violinists: David McKenzie, Mayorstone, and Maurice McCarthy, Sarsfield Ave., tied for first prize in the music section.

These prize-winning poets, artists and their pictures and sculptures, and musicians, will be seen and heard in a telecast of INSIGHT—R.T.E.'s new arts programme—in a fortnight's time.

tra'ee. In the picture, Miss Clara receives her prize from the ceremony, which took place at the School of Commerce, Mulgra- ver from left: Rev. Mr. W. Mills, M.A., Chairman of the Board; M. N.C.R., Limerick, and the Mayor of Limerick,

Soccer player's appeal succeeds

INCIDENTS in the Lime- rick v. Dundalk league match at the Markets Field on March 24 last were recalled at Limerick Circuit Court yesterday.

Kevin Blount, the Dun- dalk goalkeeper, success- fully appealed against a one month's sentence im- posed by the District Jus- tice for an alleged assault on Alan Fox, the then Limerick player - manager and now centre-half with Sligo Rovers.

On hearing the evidence Judge Barra O Briain said that he was highly suspicious about the whole matter, and on an application by Mr. Dermot Kinlen, B.L. (instructed by Mr. R. Cus- sen, solr.) that a reasonable prudent juror would have a doubt in his mind whether or not Mr. Blount struck Mr. Fox, the Judge reversed the order and ac- quitted the appellant.

Spectator

Det/Garda T. Keating, William Street Station, said that he was a spectator at the match on the stand side and past the half-way line in the city end. Midway through the second half there was an incident on the edge of the Limerick penalty area. While there was some disagreement be- tween players on both sides, he noticed Dundalk goalkeeper Kevin Blount, go the length of the field from his own goal.

He approached Alan Fox with his back turned to him (wit- ness). He then saw Fox fall on the ground, holding his two hands to his head. There was nobody within striking distance of Fox at the time.

Cross-examined by Mr. Kinlen, B.L., witness denied that when Fox was knocked down there was a melee.

Sergt. Francis Cotter, William Street Station, said that he was near the dressingrooms at the

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MOTORIST FINED AIR BANNER

A MAINTENANCE operati- non Airport was fined £5-13-0 expenses; disqual- driving for two years and gi- months' suspensory sentence M. de Burca at Limerick Cit

He was William Hayes, 38 O'Dwyer Villas, Thom- ondgate, who pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of drink and in a dangerous manner at Bed- ford Row on September 21 last.

Dr John Holmes said that he examined Hayes at William St. Station at 12.10 a.m. on Septem- ber 22 last. He smelled of alcohol and his speech was slurred. He did not do the tests.

Dr. Holmes formed the opinion that Hayes was incapable of driving a car by reason of his consumption of alcohol.

Garda Michael Hynes, Will- iam Street Station, said that on September 21, he was driv- ing the patrol car at 11.50 p.m. down Shannon Street.

The defendant's car passed him out on its incorrect side of the road. The lights were not switched on.

Garda Hynes stopped Hayes at Bedford Row. He smelled very strongly of alcohol.

Car

He swayed when he got out of the car, Garda Hynes said that Hayes was unfit to drive the car because of his consump- tion of drink.

Mr. Gregory Tynan, solicitor for Hayes, said that his client had not a great deal of drink taken on the occasion. When the offence was detected the defendant co-operated with the Garda.

Mr. Tynan said that the de- fendant would suffer a severe hardship as a result of the mandatory driving suspension. He was employed as a main- tenance operator at Shannon Airport.

Justice M. de Burca said that

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player can produce the fine form shown against Sligo. Tommy Hamilton, who displayed his excellent ball-play last week, continues at right-half, with Al Finucane as pivot.

DIFFERENCE
Cork Celtic, who beat Bohemians 3-1 last Sunday, are likely to be unchanged. Player-coach, Billy McCullough, the

ence. Tighter marking by the home rearguard could ensure a Limerick win to-morrow. **Limerick:** Fitzpatrick; Ryan, Quin; T. Hamilton, Finucane, O'Mahony; Mitchell, Byrnes, Turner, McEvoy, Aherne. **Cork Celtic:** McGahan; Dennehy, O'Mahony; McCarthy, Heffernan, McCullough; Short, Mackey, Calnan, Carroll, Q'Driscoll.

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match. Half-way through the second half he saw Alan Fox coming out of the penalty area with the ball at his feet. He was impeded by a Dundalk player and as a result of which the referee stopped play.

Players

There was general disagreement between players from both teams. He saw Kevin Blount leave his goal and go to the Limerick penalty area at the other end of the field. He saw him strike a Limerick player with his right hand. This player fell to the ground. He could not identify the player.

Cross-examined by Mr. Kinlen, the Sergeant said that there were stones and fruit thrown on to the pitch in the second half. It appeared there was "a needle" in the match. He saw appellant strike somebody on the Limerick side.

Garda Anthony Kiely said that he was across from the stand on top of a roof of Limerick Shoe factory. He had a good view. He said that about half-way through the second half there was an incident in the Limerick penalty area. The referee stopped the play. Some of the players from both sides were talking to the referee.

Garda Kiely saw Kevin Blount walk towards Alan Fox and strike him with his fist in the face. Fox fell to the ground. Blount then walked back to his own goal.

Oath

Cross-examined by Mr. Kinlen, Garda Kiely said that he was swearing on oath that he saw Blount strike Fox.

Kevin Blount, the appellant, said that it was "a needle" match from the start. There was an incident in the Limerick goalmouth which went on longer than a usual flare-up one gets in these matches. Some fruit and bottles were thrown on to the pitch by spectators. They were thrown into the goalmouth where he was. He went up to the other end of the field—150 yards away. Dundalk players had been told that if there was any further trouble they would leave the field together. "At that stage I thought the match would be abandoned," he said.

Blount stated that he went up to Alan Fox. "I said to Alan: What is wrong? Alan said: leave me alone. I turned to the Captain of Dundalk who told me: get back to the goal. We have been awarded a penalty."

Referee

Cross-examined by Mr. Maurice Power, State Solr., Blount could not recall the referee speaking to him. He had no business whatsoever up at the other end of the field. He denied that he was going up to join in the trouble. He struck no blow. He did not see Fox falling to the ground.

Alan Fox, the former Limerick player-manager, said that he was playing centre-half for Limerick. He had previously played for Dundalk. There was a lot of tension in the match as Dundalk wanted the points to win the League. Midway through the second half a penalty was awarded to Dundalk. The crowd started throwing things on to the pitch. Kevin Blount came up to him and asked what was the matter. He never struck him (Fox). There were 22 players all around the goalmouth and there was confusion.

Cross-examined by Mr. Power, State Solr., Fox said that he was now playing with Sligo Rovers after being given a free release.

Mr. Power: "How did you fall to the ground?"

Fox: "Previous to the penalty I had been involved in a tackle which hurt my left ankle. I fell to the ground."

Fox told the Judge that in the District Court he was not given a chance to explain what happened.

When asked by Mr. Power if he was approached by the Gardai to make a statement, Fox said that he was not approached. He was told by the Directors of the Club after he had returned from holidays that the Gardai wanted to see him. He did not honestly know if he was being asked to make a statement.

Jack Tuohy, Secretary of Limerick A.F.C., said that he was seated in the Press box. There was a tackle between Alan Fox and Dundalk's Derek Stokes. Play continued until linesmen flagged down the referee to stop play. There was general confusion as to what had happened. Stokes was lying on the ground in the Limerick penalty area. The referee consulted the linesmen and awarded a penalty to Dundalk. Limerick players protested. He saw Blount come up the field and into a group of 14 players. Then he saw Fox on the ground. He could not say if anybody struck Fox.

Group

Cross-examined by Mr. Power, Mr. Tuohy said that Blount went into a group of players who were pushing each other and then he saw Fox fall on the ground. He did not see him being struck.

Mr. Tuohy thought it was a stupid thing by Blount to come up the field from his goal to a football point of view. The three Garda witnesses were recalled by Judge Barra O Briain.

Det./Garda Keating said that he did not see Fox being struck by reason of the fact that Blount had his back turned to him. He was on the stand side over the half-way line.

Garda Kiely said that he was 30 to 40 yards from where the incident took place. He saw Blount strike Fox with his right fist.

Sergt. Cotter said that he was 140 yards away from the scene of the incident.

Mr. Dermot Kinlen, B.L., said that on the evidence of Mr. Fox and Mr. Tuohy a jury would have a doubt in the case. He said that Mr. Fox's evidence should be accepted. He said in the District Court that he was not struck by Blount and was told to "get out of the box."

Witnesses

Judge Barra O Briain said that the three Garda witnesses saw Fox falling to the ground. One Garda stated that Fox was struck by Blount; and another could not identify the Limerick player.

The Judge said that it was fairly clear that the Gardai were some distance from Alan Fox. They were further away than Mr. Tuohy, who stated that he saw Fox falling to the ground. Apart from the appellant denying that he struck any blow, Fox stated that Blount never struck him.

"Well, of course, there may be reasons for telling this untruth. They were old comrades on the Dundalk team," stated the Judge. Judge Barra O Briain said that Mr. Tuohy had no doubt that he did not see Fox being struck. He saw a great deal.

The Judge said that he was highly suspicious of the whole matter. He thought that on the evidence of Mr. Tuohy it would be unsafe to convict, and he accordingly reversed the order and dismissed the case.



Mr. Denis Noctor (left), who caught the big pike, and his brother, Mr. Noctor. They are both from Shannon Banks Garden Estate, Limerick.

AWARENESS OF HUMAN DIGNITY

THE INVESTIGATION of social problems has given men a new awareness of human dignity, said Father Edmund Dougan, Professor of Sociology at U.C.G., when he lectured at the Franciscan Hall, Limerick.

"People have come to realise that no matter whether a man is yellow, white or black; whether he is a man or woman, child or adult, he has a dignity that is worth looking after," he declared.

"He has a culture and a personality which is loved by Christ and which we are bound as Christians to love in a practical way, not in any demonstrative fashion, not in order to make them converts, but to live them as human beings, because they are our brothers."

Nationalism

On nationalism, he observed: "The Pope accepts the principle that they should have nationalism in this strange fashion; the right to express their nation; but to moderate it generally, to learn from others, to be socialised in the United Nations."

"He is very strong on such organisations as the U.N.O. and Unesco, and such organisations, because they do socialise the people who are, if you like, untrained. This is a terribly important part of his whole theory of society at the moment."

Communism

Referring to Communism, he stated: "Ten, of course, another element in our problem to-day is the menace of Communism. It is nothing, if not dangerous and explosive."

"You will find it even here in Ireland, particularly among the young and uninformed. There are defects in the political organisation of our world, particularly in the fact that we have no police force sufficiently strong to prevent territorial wars, tribal wars, and the rest of it."

"The tragedy of Biafra is a case in point, where Britain had to keep supplying arms to the Federal troops, or thought she

tremendous amount of social progress and social sense.

"Social sense here is a form of moral progress, a sensitivity to other peoples' needs. A very gentle sort of approach to people is demanded. It is the Christian approach which is required."

Woman wins her appeal

"It looks as if there has been a miscarriage of justice," stated Judge Barra O Briain at Limerick Circuit Court.

Mary Faulkner, an itinerant of no fixed abode, successfully appealed against a three months sentence and conviction imposed by the District Court.

Mr. Maurice Power, State Solr., said that the appellant had been convicted of assaulting John Walsh, a hall porter, in Cruise's Hotel on June 14 last. John Walsh, in evidence, said that on June 16 he was asked by the Manager to remove two itinerants—one of them Mary Faulkner.

The other itinerant sat on the floor of the lounge and witness had a bit of a struggle trying to remove her. Mary Faulkner did nothing at any stage and left the hotel when asked.

Mistake

Walsh said that he made a mistake in the District Court as

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(By) THE Transfield Thomond and limited program

St. Mary's, holders of the Munster Junior Cup, fancied to repeat a Cup victory over Greenfields at Grounds-Rosbrien, but it is anybody's will prevail in the Thomond clash.

Interesting visitors are Highfield; their thirds teams meet 1st at Greenfields at Grounds-Rosbrien.

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Under-18 League—Young Munster v. Greenfields, 12 noon van.

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Richmond III (v. Following meet Cathedral, 11 a.m., Horan; P McNamam, P Madden, D. O'Flaherty, B.