

INQUIRY

By LEADER REPORTERS

MINISTER for Agriculture, Mr. Austin Deasy, T.D., was this day considering the convening of an investigation into the offences of a County Limerick farmer on hunger strike.

After being confined to bed earlier in the week, Mr. Michael Fitzgerald, Reenavanna, Doon, is in health and able to walk around" according to members of his family who visited him. He is in Prison on his 12th day without solid food in protest over the T.B. eradication scheme on in the liquidation of his herd.

Fitzgerald was on November 8th brought to court after failing to comply with a court order granted to the Department of Agriculture for restraining him from milking.

It is believed that the Minister will make an enquiry or a new order for his cattle that have been gathered may permit to break his fast. He is currently on milk at present.

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The Minister is expected to announce the results of the investigation by Deputy Frank St. John, the only T.D. to have been publicly criticised about the case at Doon on Monday.

Following the night in which he was called for a mental investigation, the matter and has been this is being considered by the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Deasy. He wants the Commissioner, Mr. O'Connell, to preside.

Prendergast said today that such an order would satisfy all and save a man's life. He might wish him to give the signatures of 300 men from Doon who were gathered from their neighbourly say, should get a hearing."

Fitzgerald comes from a sincere man who is determined to give his life for his beliefs in—I believe that a Departmental order could defuse the situation Deputy Prender-

g understood that the only way Mr. Fitzgerald agreed



Mr. Fitzgerald

milk was because he was transferred to Prison. "He is still as sane as ever," he added. Fitzgerald, who was on a hunger strike from the day of last week, was brought to court on Tuesday on a milk at present in the Department of

Crowds at funeral of Dave Clohessy

By LEADER REPORTER

THE FUNERAL took place this Tuesday of Dave Clohessy, 81, one of Limerick's all-time great hurlers who in the 1934 All-Ireland final replay against Dublin scored a record four goals — unequalled to this day.

Mr. Clohessy, holder of two senior All-Ireland hurling medals — 1934 and 1936 — had been ill for some time. He died on Sunday night in St. Joseph's Hospital in Cork.

Fedamore

Despite torrential rain, there was a huge attendance for his funeral at Fedamore Cemetery following Requiem Mass at Curraheen Church in Cork on Tuesday.

Former team mates from the All-Ireland winning sides were present to mourn their one-time colleague. Among them were John Mackey, Mick Hickey, Mickey Condon, Jackie O'Connell and Paddy Carroll.

He and his late brothers, the legendary Paddy Clohessy, who later became a T.D., and Andy and Jack were the backbone of the Fedamore team that beat Croom in the 1927 County Limerick hurling final.

Mr. Clohessy is survived by his



The Clohessy greets... Front: Paddy (left) and Jack. Back: Dave (left) and Andy.

son, Andrew, and his daughters, Helen and Mary. P.D. County Councillor Peadar Clohessy is a nephew of the late Mr. Clohessy.

The funeral will take place this Saturday of Mrs. Hanorah (Hannie) Cregan, wife of the late Ned Cregan, who won All-Ireland hurling medals with Limerick, and mother of current senior hurling team manager and All-Ireland medal holder, Eamonn Cregan.

Mrs. Cregan, whose maiden name was McSweeney, died in St. Necessan's Hospital, Croom, this Wednesday. She is survived by daughter, Noreen, and sons, Michael, Eamonn and Conor.

The removal will take place from Griffin's Funeral Home to Our Lady Help of Christians in Castletroy this Friday at 8 p.m. with Requiem Mass on Saturday at 10.30 a.m. and funeral afterwards to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery.

O'BRIEN DECISION AFTER CHRISTMAS

By CONOR KEANE

PRESSURE ON Fine Gael's West Limerick T.D., Mr. Willie O'Brien, to declare whether he is running in the next general election is mounting as the party organisation in the constituency commences



Limerick, was made known to the board.

A delegate from the executive told the meeting, which Deputy O'Brien attended, that he should let the organisation know his intentions. She pointed out that if he were not going to stand an early convention would be needed to get as much exposure as possible

Getine Singers triumph in Land of Song

By LEADER REPORTER

ASKEATON'S concert choir, Getine Singers, have taken the premier prize in a choral competition in Wales.

"To beat three Welsh and nine Irish choirs is an achievement, but to do so in the Land of Song itself is something we are very proud of", said Mrs. Maureen Kennelly, choir secretary.

The choir's success was proudly announced to the excited townspeople at Sunday Masses by Father Michael O'Connor, P.P., with the result that the choristers were greeted by a large crowd when they arrived back, exhausted, at 12.50 on Sunday night.

The choral festival was organised by Sealink and was held at Llandudno, the seaside town in Gwynedd, North Wales. The 32 Askeaton singers left on Friday morning at 6.30 for Dun Laoghaire and sang their hearts out during the competitions on Saturday.

Joined

The choir began life as the Askeaton Singers. That group staged ambitious musical productions at the local hall and toured them to other centres. But their plans proved too ambitious for their purpose and the group joined instead with the local church choir to form the present chorale.

Success was immediate, and they have three times taken firsts in their section at the prestigious Cork Choral Festival.

The Welsh victory, where they beat all other mixed choirs, is particularly valuable as it is the first time they have sung outside of Munster.

Members

Their musical director is Ailish Cassidy.

The choir comprised:

Ellen Ranahan, Margaret Buckley, Ann Sheehy, Elaine Coady, Maureen Kennelly, Mary Rose Felle, Ella Cantillon, Sylvia Considine, Bernie Tynne, Nancy Quinn, Ann Foley, Therese McMahon, Mary Kennelly, Mary Fitzgibbon, Anita Hawkes, Nora Hawkes, Nuala Hanly, Sheila Nash, Dymphna McDaid.

Pat Lynch, Basil Fitzgibbon, Liam Dillon, John Kennelly, Jack Cronin, Donal Cummins, Frank O'Callaghan, Pat Kennelly, John Cassidy, Brian Mangan, Andy Carruthers, Peter Clifford, Vincent O'Connor.

The adjudicators in Wales were: Brian Hughes, Head of Opera, Royal College of Music, Manchester; Brian O'Dubhghaill, conductor of Cantairi Oga Atha Cliath (Young Dublin Singers);

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A MAJOR DUTY upward of 100 ambitious plans refuse disposal of domestic and new land.

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By MARTIN BYRNE

A MAJOR expansion of the voluntary scheme stamp out unlicensed drinking is to be scheduled shortly, a scheme, which is pioneered in Limerick, is one of the full collection of publicans' Gardaí.

Devised following a view with Fr. Michael, then curate, then curate, then curate, the project organises alcohol-free areas, as well as providing a guaranteed income and proof of a But the operation is work of a handful of drink spoilsport chairman of the or committee of Limerick Concern for You Michael Ryan of A is a proficient pro quality home win there are organiser of the 26 parishes of Limerick.

The identification scheme may seem a bit almost foolproof.

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A young person who is 18, but who may be younger, can be a barman for a while.