

Baby Stealing Charges

Barbara McGeehan was yesterday returned for bail of £400 to the Betty Commission on January 14th.

Evidence was resumed to the Belfast Assizes, at Mrs. McGeehan was charged unlawfully detaining two children, Patrick Berri-d Elizabeth Browne.

Constable Glass described which he made to the woman's home accompanied by a police officer from Belfast. He took the accused to her house and told her, without usual legal caution, that she was making inquiries about the stolen baby in Dublin.

The accused made a statement to the court in which she described how she was given possession of a baby in Belfast in November, 1950, by a woman named Ellen who did not tell her where the baby was. The accused admitted stealing the baby and was committed to Dublin on the day she was arrested.

Chief Inspector Irvine told the court that it was not possible to identify the child, Elizabeth Brown, as she was suffering from a cold.

Six Summonses Against Ennis Pearl Factory

Ennis District Court on Friday the Minister for Industry and Commerce was complainant in six summonses issued against the Ennis Pearl and Jewellery Co., whose factory is situated at 98 St. Stephen's Green, Ennis.

There were six summonses and alleged offences were that in equipment in the factory was not constructed of fire-resisting material, that the factory was not properly ventilated to remove vapours of cellulose fumes and prevent them entering into a workroom, using materials likely to ignite inflammable materials and not exercising proper precautions in the storage of cellulose so as to prevent danger.

Mr. I. M. Houlihan, solicitor, has been engaged for the defence and he was engaged in the court at Dublin, the case adjourned for a month for attendance.

SELECTED TO PLAY FOR IRELAND



Tom Reid (London-Irish and Garryowen) selected to play for Ireland in the coming Rugby International against France.

I.R.A. VETERAN PASSES AWAY IN NEW YORK

WITH profound sorrow (writes a New York correspondent) we chronicle the death of James Tarrant, late of Charleville, who passed away in New York.

Before emigrating to the U.S.A. he was actively identified with the Republican movement in the Cork 4th Brigade area from 1918 to 1924. Attached to the Active Service Unit, Garrienderk Coy., Charleville Batt., he took part in every activity in the surrounding area, being responsible to the Coy. Q.M. to furnish dumped arms at any hour. Following the split

YEAR A POSSIBILITY

ADDRESSING the annual meeting of the Tom Clarke Cumann of Fianna Fail on Saturday night, Mr. Donogh O'Malley, T.D., said there was a possibility of a General Election taking place near the local elections in June.

The meeting was held in Arus Fianna Hall, Mr. J. P. Liddy, B.C. presided.

The Hon. Secretary's report showed an increase in membership.

The Chairman, in his address pointed out that this Cumann was chiefly composed of employees in Shannon Airport and of people living in the centre of the City. He urged the members to obtain as many new members as possible. "It is gratifying," he continued "to see so many young members present to-night, showing that Fianna Fail was the Party catering for all ages and classes."

POLITICAL SITUATION.

Mr. Donogh O'Malley, T.D. dealt at length with the political situation generally in the country and pointed out the possibility of a general election taking place near the local elections in June next. Although Fine Gael has stated that they could reduce expenditure of £10 million in ten minutes, and without any difficulty, there was to-date a deficit of £5 million in the Exchequer returns, due to the fact that expenditure by the Government has risen by that amount.

"During the General Election," he said, "much play had been made about the external assets of the country being invested in Britain at 1 per cent. The Coalition promised to bring this money back and invest it in Ireland. Yet, the recent National Loan, Mr. Sweetman, Minister for Finance, had paid 4 1/2 per cent. for the money he borrowed."

The Comhairle Ceanntair welcomed and congratulated on the success efforts made to have the Maternity Hospital built in Belfield. The work had commenced, and not a penny would fall on the rates of the city or county for its cost, would give good employment to the building industry and the trade generally.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman, J. P. Liddy, B.C. Vice-Chairman, J. McNeice, B.C. Secretary, D. Chaplain; Hon. Treasurer, C. Gilligan and M. McManis.

Committee—T. Breen; O. Heenan, S. Galvin, M. King, E. Browne, E. Byrne, C. McNamara, S. Cronin.