provide an answer for obvious reasons be expected to keep 25-provided by City-

s Park experiment is cause it reduces the t, because, more cal children's innate, as civic pride and togetherness. Nor trees; flower beds, s could also be similar adoption are endless.

dil-is due to all ial venture. But illy to the boys and St. Mary's Park and together to a happy Once, in the early years that day came and went without any

trauma whatsoever. As the years speed and the demands grew, one began thinking about pay day almost before the weekend was over. In fact, by the time you had paid what you owed from the week before there was nothing there for the weekend. The great occasion itself happened on twelve o'clock. You went down to the cash office, took your place in a queue that was forbidden, called your, name and number when your furn came and feverishly opened the packet. It was always amazingly accurate, always the minimum of what you should deserve, every week growing less and Mangaire Sugach

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ps. of Newcastle survive m the 18th century. P. Connor says: 'This repre-tis an unique distinction ong Co. Limerick towns, its quite rare in the context. Irish towns generally.' The phe deas with is from out 1750, and there is a very ar reproduction in the jourr reproduction in the jour-No fewer than six tanyards

olklore

n "Birth of a Band", Frank alan "gives an exciting ount of the coming of rling to Castlemahon, rling to Castlemahon; ich, previous to that time, theen an exclusively foot-leminded parish. This was owed by the founding of famous Castlemahon Fife LDaum Band. The 'Obsec-carries a picture of the d taken in June 1913.

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dioclas Breatmagh, one of country's best informed ters on folklore, contribes an article entitled "Old yin West Limerick". The m "Old May" had its origin he jump of eleven days that a required to bring the koning of time up to date on the Gregorian Calendar so officially adopted in this is of the world. Many intry people were unaware. if years continued to word ware unaware this jump of cleven days, I for years continued to kon Bealfaine, or May Eve, ording to the old style. In essay, Nioclas tells of some he many piseoga associated h May Eve. As always, he is mendously interesting in "The Folklore of Companer". Dominic Culhane, Cappagh, recalls a famous ryteller whom he knew in youth.

Cappagh, recalls a famous ryteller whom he knew in youth; and in "Historic nding at Beale Strand".

s. Madge Finnegan, then a maid in Ballybunion, rembers the 16th September, 27, when Colonel J. Fitzurice and Major Mae In, were forced to abandon ir attempt to fly the Atlanand had to come down at ale Strand. The airmen re brought for refreshments the bar where Mrs. Finnethe bar where Mrs. Finne

the bar where Mrs. Finne-1, waa. employed.
Robert Cussen, rightly delibed as the doyen of local torians, continues his series out "Famous People of set Limerick". On this occan he deals with John Canon gley, author of the famous ce-volume History of the occes of Limerick. This, as a would expect, is an ellent contribution.

The final item in the bserver" is a reprint of an idea in Irish, that the late mas O Connba wrote about years ago for the Limerick.

mas O Connba wrote about years ago for the Limerick teas. The arties describes carbes are the carbes are the articles of the carbes and also recalls the ver-to-be-forgotten Night of Big Wind. Tomas's firsh is vays a pleasure to read. The Annual Observer is optionally good value at £2 resume that copies can still had from the Newcastle at Historical Society.

butcher's. There were strands of glistening sausages all over the place, nothing else save freshly-made sausages. Something in their freshness and in their symmetry kept me-standing there for lifteen mi-

people moved along their separate ways and one could see at once that sausages were the last thoughts in their

The man who accosted me had the tang of freshly-consumed whiskey on his breath and a white carnation on his lapel. He was, obviouswedding party in one of Killarney's many fine hotels, I dare say a fellow, who had been upbraided by a watchful wife for consuming too many nips on the sly.

WEDNESDAY was pay day

trauma whatsoever. As the years sped and the demand

of what you should deserve, every week growing less and less able to meet the demands that you placed upon that packet. You weren't alone. There were really two queues outside the cash office. One was formed by those who went in to collect their wages; the other was formed by those who were there to collect what was owed to them. Like every society ever known, there were those who hadn't enough to go

TNEWS AND VIEWS Nuair a

bhionn olltoghchan ar siul tagann na media men (agus mna) isteach i ndailcheantar Limerick East o RTE, na SNOB nuachtain Atheliathacha agus o thir Maggie, Thatcher fein.

GIVE AWAY DETAILS. O

GIVE AWAY DETAILS. O na tuairisci o na media persons seo, ni chreidea gur + Lulimneach a bhiodar. Bhi Derck Browne (on London Guardian) @nseo ag scrìobh faoin olltoghean reatha i' Limerick East. D'oscial se leis an dearud seo: "In the

MY LIFE AND TIMES

belligerently—and he pointed upward where the last quarter of a moon was becoming more propoujeed as darkness-approached. I moved away quickly but his challenge must be answered.

be answered.

This week, therefore, we will take a look at the moon.

I am one who believes that instead of the moon affecting us it is we who affect the moon. My mind was taken back to the presious Sunday night, as I ambled carefree through the lanes and streets of lovely Killarney.

On that particular Sunday night I took a walk into the backway behind my own pre-On that particular Sunday inght 1 stook a walk into the backway behind my own president of the place was drenched in comely moonlight. Bosomy, billowy, blowsy clouds passed by, each arrowly missing the moon at though by pregarrangement. arrangement,

fortified; but befuddled, by booze, but now they are helibent on challenging the world and, if they had steirway, there is no doubt but fley would vandalise the sky and remove 'the moon from its rightful place in the heavens. "Come down you roundy bastard" one called, whilst another seized an empty por-

bastard"! one called, whilst another seized an empty por-ter bottle which lay behind a telephone pole and sent it soaring in the general direction of the opt of night.

There, followed a succession of the most heimous profanities every unleashed in the neighbourhood, each uttered to fair.

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impassively and serenely on the sky of night. The youths passed on and yet she shone gently down as though the night had never been polluted by such course-

money and that was usually in the early/part of the week.

Some of the office people had

Some of the office people had found a way of circumventing the long wait. By tradition the wages were all made out in advance and were all ready and checked by Tuesday evening. If one worked in the cash office, Wednesday pay day therefore became Tuesday but it seemed in those early days at least that

in those early days at least that those who worked there were

those who worked there were-excellent managers of money.
But there was a chink. If one knew one of those people well-enough, chances were that he might slip the packet into his jacket before finishing time, and let you have it. You knew some of your cronies who had established very amiable relationships with those who worked in the cash office and were, accordingly, big.

were, accordingly, big spenders on a Tuesday night.

spenders on a Tuesday night. Harry was one for example. You never saw him stuck and

Praying for pay day

scene in terror and disguist.

Satellite

The piddler passes on and is followed on the moonlit stage by a techerous tooking mongred who flowed some moongred who would be a former to the word of the cartific world.

Then comes a couple holding fast to each other. Hands entwined they urgently seek the more secluded shadows. What's that Christopher Fry fact to say;

"The moon is nothing."

what's that Christopher Fry had to say.

"The moon is nothing.
But'a circumambutating aphrodisiac;
Divinely subsidised to provoke the world,
Into a rising birth-rate".
The backway is deserted again. How blessed are the

near to him. That was just

situations worked for him,

situations worked for him,

Some of us spent long, horing,
futile hours trying to cultivate a
relationship with the staff in
the cash office. For the likes of,
you, at the end of all that
cultivation, there was only a
summary dismissal when you
craved the favour of Tuesday
evening pay day. You could
never find even one person who
could be so depended upon.
The bold Harry could openly
go into the office, naturally
under some disguise like the
inevitable piece of paper, but
his very presence there was
enough to tell one of the people
behind the counter that Harry
was wanting to be paid. And so
he got paid and though he
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he got paid and though he might owe a considerable amount of money to the person who paid him and many others scattered in various offices about various corridors, he

Now comes a stray ass, his loose shoes noisy in the quiet, his gait restrained by hunger as he seeks might-time pastures where no men venture. I wish him luck. Enter more you'lls. Vain cockerels these who attempt to fight each other with hideous shrieks and threats but no blows. The moon hides behind a cloud, and who would blame, her what's that John Milton said, "To behold the wandering moon,"

moon, Riding near her highest

Like one that hath been led

Through the Heaven's wide thless way, And oft as if her head she

wouldn't be submitted to the

ignominity of finding a coupl of fellow workers demanding their pound of flesh when the office opened officially.

According to the tradition, it was all done under the counter

The man who ran the office and

The man who ran the office and those responsible for systems would be very annoyed if they discovered what was happening. But it seemed that they never discovered and that was something that amazed you. The sight of Harry opening a wage packet in the camp bar on a Tuesday evening or orderine a steak in the

or ordering a steak in the cafeteria was surely sufficient evidence of how the system was being taken apart. And Harry wasn't the only one. A few years later, when you actually worked in the cash office and saw the wholesel.

saw the wholesale Tuesday

evening payments that went

or ordering a steak in the

other and then slunk under a door to honour a feline tryst.

We waterlood the clouds pass by, sometimes softening, sometimes, arguing the silvergold rays. A cedite member of the Garda, Siochana entered the picture. He paused and bade us goodnight. He stood then and folded his arms.

"These's no doubt about about about

'There's no doubt about it', he said to myself and the No doubt about what"? we

"Moonlight" said he, "is for everybody but especially it is for cats and lovers".

Then he unfolded his arms blessed us and proceeded upon his way repeating the phrase to himself.

bowed; Stooping through a fleecy cloud". "Moonlight is for cats and lovers. Moonlight is for cats and lovers"

BY TOM NESTOR

stayed at home and all the

stayed at home and all the bargains that you missed simply because no one would allow you the luxury of the busted system. And you believed that only a few were; able to breach it, Harry could never understand why the like of you and Cronan had to pass up on Tuesday nights. He assumed that both of your were developing some dangerous streak of thriftiness or both of you were inexplicably affected by some rare type of disease. by some rare type of disease He couldn't be made to accept that all the wheedling in the world only made matters
worse. It was like telling a half
drunken man to drive slower;
all your demands did was to
make him drive faster, All that
your demands did was to put
up a wall of solid No's. Harry
had a sound reason for wanting
you and Cronan to make your
own arrangements. Otherwise
he would have to share with
you both and at the rate he
spent money—and that, after
paying off a sollection of down
payments on previous debts—
he would soon be making
approach to some other kindly
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on, you were very annoyed personally. You remembered all the Tuesday nights that you I Mo Scriobail Fein

county Clare village of

great happenings would happen when you had no

around, and those who seemed to have no problem making do with their amount. In fact, they would sub heir friend from time to time. Some understood how hard if was to pay back one's debts in one fell swoop. Some cared less and so they were outside in the corridor, waiting to collect what was rightfully theirs. There is something that puzzles you to this day. How people, with equal or less earning power than you can live what appears to be a better life in terms of spending. What made it more difficult to understand was than those people possessed more wordly goods than you did and yet our spending rate seemed to be the same. You still can't understand it any more than you could twenty-five years ago. Wednesday it was a whole or a part when one was broke. And the awful thing was that so omany potential great happenings would nopen when you had no

around, and those who seemed

CORK CUPPAS Bhi Donal Musgrave on Sunday Tri-bune (Ath Cliath) anseo freisin. Scrìobh se tuairisc faoin gceannline: "O'Mal-Ireisin. Scrioth se tuarrise faoin geannline: "O'Malley puts himself high up in the leadership stakes". Thardarrud greannur nuair a bhi Donal Musgrave istigh i gceannehenthru na F-F-ers su chathair. "As we sipped Fine Gael tea-Barry's best

P.F-ers sa Mhumhan.

BUY LIMERICK2. Ni. ar

imported from Cork-at the Fianna Fail headquarters in Limerick's O'Connell street'', scrìobh Donal Mus-

CHARLEY STEPS OUT?
D'ol Donal Musgrave an
Cork Fine Gael Tea agus æ
ag ceistin Dessie O'Malley
faoi na anti-Charley antics
ata le sonnru imeasc na
FF-ers a Mhumban

gur Cork fine tea a bhi acu i gceanncheathru na Limer-ick Bast, F. F. - ers. "I am not on the tea-purchasing committee myself", arsa Dessie.
NFheadar ar chuir Dessie
"Buy-Limerick". Line ar siul tareis an botun sin?

CORBALLY CAKE Tharla rud difriuil dom fein istigh i gceanncheatru na fine gaels. (Sraid Wickham-os cionn Dan O'Connor's). Nil fhios agam car às a thainig an coffee-bhi se go deas. Anne Reidy (bean-cheile Paddy O Corbally) a thug an coffee dom. Thug, si piosai fruit cake an-deasdom freisin. "I made it myself", arsa Atne.

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DOWN GRADEL durit me, rounde seo, ni chreidrea gur i Luimneach a thi na media persons seo nuauc a scrìobh adar a gcùid tuairisci. Deireann gach einne anseo gur i Luimneach an

third city san Republic. Scriobh Donal Musgrave e seo: "A town where religious confraternities flourish and where the working class play rugby". Bailehoo! Confraternities? Tuairim sta i bhfad as data. Ta muintir Luimni san vodaka-and tonic treimhse anois. Maidir leis an piosa faoin "weeking, class play rugby", an bhfuil working class faghta unseo (no aon at tile san Phoblacht), leis an Lion daoine at as obair?

PRIOR TO their departure

from William Street Barracks, Limerick H.Q.,

en route to "dear old Blighty", the garrison had their photograph taken, to bring with them, as a souvenir, of

their good time: murder, pillage, assault (criminal and physical), plus "£1 a day and their chances" – to quote the "News of the World". Seated second

from left, beside plain-clothes Tangis the

notorious Sergeant Horan (R.I.C), while second from right, third

Sergeant Leech (R.I.C.), both of whom were involved in the triple

murder of Mayor George Clancy, ex-Mayor Michael O'Callaghan and Volunteer Joseph

O'Donoghue, in their

dead on the steps of Harcourt Street station

Dublin, in the summer of 1922, after returning from Bray with a lady

row, is his partner-in-crime,

Seamus O Cinneide

The Black and Tans leaving Limerick

