

Two Limerick Men Killed In Rail Smash Near Cahir

TWO Limerick men, Cornelius Kelly (53), single, 66, Carey's Road, an engine driver, and Frank Frahill (24), single, 36, Moylish Road, Ballynanty Beg, a fireman, lost their lives in a railway smash that occurred in the early hours of this morning near Cahir.

They were engaged on the last "beet special" run of the season when the train plunged over the 50 ft. viaduct into the river Suir.

The Guard, Mr. William Grant, Monastery Road, Waterford, escaped.

The accident occurred at 4.35 this morning. At the time the Mallow train was in Cahir Station on its way to Waterford. The beet special, on which the two men were engaged, was coming from Co. Waterford going to the Thurles Beet Factory. It was switched into a siding at Cahir Station but overshot the buffers while travelling at speed and crashed over the viaduct and plunged 50 feet into the River Suir.

OVER 30 WAGONS.

The special consisted of 32 loaded wagons of beet, 22 of which fell into the river.

BRAKES FAIL.

The Guard, Mr. William Grant, 21 Monastery Street, Waterford, who escaped, realising before the crash that something was wrong applied the brakes but they failed to operate. Ten of the wagons were left on the viaduct.

LAST BEET RUN.

It was the last beet run of the season and both men were due to go on Christmas leave to-day.

The locomotive drawing the beet is a Woolwich, one of the most powerful freight engines operated by C.I.E.

The electricity in Cahir Station was put out of commission by the accident.

SIGNALMAN GAVE ALARM.

The alarm was given by the signalman in Cahir, who saw the accident. The Clonmel Fire Brigade were alerted but the lack of light considerably hampered rescue operations. Break-down vans were rushed from Limerick and Waterford.

A doctor and priest were at the scene shortly after the accident.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

Considerable damage was caused to the viaduct, and traffic between Limerick and Waterford has been disrupted and it will be some time before it is restored. Meanwhile rail traffic has been rerouted to the Clonmel-Fethard branch.

UNCLE OF MR. P. KELLY, B.C.

The late Mr. Kelly resided with his brother, Mr. Joseph Kelly, 66 Carey's Road. He was an uncle of Mr. Patrick Kelly, B.C., and also a brother of Mr. Peter Kelly, Edward Street, and Mr. Jack Kelly, Rathbane. Another brother, Mr. Patrick Kelly, lives in England.

The deceased fireman, Frank Frahill, resided at 36 Moylish Road, Ballynantybeg.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE.

Later reports state that the superstructure of the bridge and permanent way were extensively damaged.

The noise of the crash was heard for miles around, and all the wagons which plunged over the parapet were smashed to pulp, while beet was scattered over a wide area.

The engine is buried deep in the bed of the river and is covered with the debris of smashed wagons and tons of beet pulp.

The tragedy has cast a deep gloom over all employees of C.I.E., with whom both men were very popular.

There was a constant stream of sympathisers to the houses of both deceased throughout the day.

SAVED BY ILLNESS.

The deceased fireman, Frank Frahill, was only a substitute at the last moment for Mr. Christopher Long, Pearse Avenue, Janesboro', who became ill shortly before he was due to take up duty.

The deceased was a very popular young man and was formerly a member of the C.I.E. Soccer Club.

SECOND CRASH.

A second crash on the C.I.E. rail system occurred shortly after 5 o'clock this morning at the Mallow terminus when a Diesel goods train from Kingsbridge bound for Cork crashed into the rear of a goods train from Kerry and pushed it along the line for a distance of about 100 yards.

As a result of the impact, barrels of stout, cases of herrings and consignments of other goods were strewn along the platform. Railway men in the station at the time were alerted by the hooter of the Diesel and nobody was injured.

"KEEP EYE SHUT." SAYS TWO WILL DIE ON

Medical And Surgical Services: Minister's Statement

Ald. D. B. O'Malley asked the Minister for Health in the Dail what categories of persons qualify for medical cards, and what conditions must be fulfilled before an applicant is granted a card; further, whether possession of such a card automatically entitles the holder to the maternity cash grant. He further asked the Minister if he will state the benefits to which holders of medical cards are entitled, and the procedure which must be followed by applicants for such cards.

The Minister for Health (Mr. T. P. O'Higgins), said, in reply: "Persons who are unable to provide by their own industry or other lawful means a general medical and surgical service for themselves or their dependants are entitled to have their names entered in the General Medical Services Register and to be issued with a medical card. A person who wishes to have his name entered on the register must make application to the health authority of the area in which he resides. Holders of medical cards and their dependants are eligible to obtain a general practitioner medical and surgical service, insular and specialist services and, provided they satisfy the prescribed conditions, maternity cash grants and free milk under Section 24 of the Health Act, 1953.

Local Authorities And Sewerage Facilities

The Minister for Local Government was asked by Deputy Ald. O'Malley in the Dail whether the local authority of a county borough is required to supply sewerage facilities to rateable property within its jurisdiction; and what State facilities are available to a local authority either by way of grant or loan for the execution of such works.

Mr. O'Donnell under Section 17 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, all sanitary authorities are obliged to provide such sewers as may be necessary for draining their districts effectually for public health purposes. Where sewerage works of a capital nature are executed by sanitary authorities, loans are sanctioned and in most cases made available from the Local Loans Fund. The executing authorities are also subsidised by contributions from the Exchequer to the extent of from 45 per cent. to 50 per cent. of loan charges on the approved cost of the works.

Masked Men Got Away With £14,000

Three masked men in a motor car stopped a van in East London this morning and stole about £14,000.

In the van at the time was a bank clerk and a guard. They were taking the money from a suburban branch office in Stratford to the headquarters of the bank in London, when the van was rammed by the car in Hackney.

The three masked men got away with £14,000. Their car was later found abandoned. The bank clerk was injured in the scuffle that ensued and was taken to hospital.

LIMERICK AUTHOR'S NEW PLAY

John McCormack's Great Artistry As A Singer

It was fitting (says a supplied report of the Limerick Gramophone Circle) that the last recital for 1955 should have been devoted to Ireland's "Ambassador of Song," John McCormack, whose tenth anniversary occurred this year.

This was the third lecture given during the present season as a tribute to a great figure in music. The others were: one on Mozart, whose bicentenary is being celebrated, and the other marks the 80th birthday of the famous violinist Fritz Kreisler.

THE MAN AND THE ARTIST.

Last Thursday's lecture was given by Rev. Fr. Connolly, C.S.S.R., who combined clear pictures of Mr. McCormack the man and Mr. McCormack the artist. He showed that he was one of those rare artists endowed with a divine gift, who was aware that to use this gift to give enjoyment and help alleviate human suffering, this McCormack did to the full.

McCormack grew up with the recording industry, and Fr. Connolly exploited this fact to trace the development of the great tenor's voice and artistry. The focus was on an outstandingly beautifully executed melody after another and showed McCormack as the polished operatic tenor and the singer of our own Irish ballads, which he made familiar to audiences all over the world.

Many of those present must have been amazed when Fr. Connolly informed them that the efforts to raise money to erect a memorial in his native Athlone had proved a dismal failure.

A FINE LECTURE.

This fine lecture left the audience in no doubt of McCormack's true worth, and Fr. Connolly is to be congratulated in the manner in which he portrayed this great tenor's life.

The Committee takes this opportunity to wish all members a Happy Christmas and bright and prosperous New Year, and hope to see them all on January 6th at the "Cruise's Hotel, when the second half of the season will be opened with a programme presented by Mr. Sean Prendergast.

BRIGHT AND VARIED "CRESCENT TIMES"

"Crescent Times," in the Crescent Concert Hall, during the Christmas season, are popular annual events, and this year the fare will be again bright and varied.

The "Silver Jubilee Crescent Times" on Tuesday, 27th Dec will include a Jubilee Question Time in which teams from Clieve's and Geary's will be quizzed. Rev. Father Aengus Buckley, O.P., the well-known painter, a most equally distinguished man of magic will perform some of his conjuring routines. The O'Neill School of Dancers, Ennis, will be strongly represented, and top-class vocalists and new and interesting comedians are included on the attractive programme.

On Thursday, 29th December, Limerick Shoes and Cement Ltd. teams will meet in Question Time, and the bill of fare includes St. Mary's Convent School Records' Band, dancers, popular annual West, Joe Neilland (baritone), Adam Sammon (girl wonder), Margaret O'Shea (soprano), and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford (instrumentalists).

THE CARNIVAL RAG

To the Editor, "Limerick Leader." Dear Sir: On behalf of my Committee, I would like, through the medium of your newspaper, to offer sincere apologies to those people who suffered inconvenience and discomfort as a result of the late start of our Carnival Rag last Saturday. We assure those that the delay was caused by the unfortunate delay in the

I.C.M.S.A. Meeting

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Mr. C. H. Fletcher, Presid president. With him on the platf were Mr. John Feely, Deputy I ident, and members of the C cil.

In his Presidential address, Fletcher said: "As it is my duty to report you on the work of the organization since the last annual meeting, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Association continued to act in the best interests of the dairying industry, the producer."

I am aware that you have kept informed of the activities of the Association in a general way through bulletins from head office and branch areas, and regular meetings. Therefore, I will only touch on matters which I consider to be of major importance."

You have before you the sheets which speak for themselves. The number 1, or ordinary account of the Association, at credit balance of upwards of £13,000, and the financial report, which shows a profit of only slightly short of £10,000. The former account accrued through the fact that the organization was conducted in its inception almost entirely voluntarily, the minimum expenses only being allowed Council members. I myself believe that the success of this organization is entirely due to its voluntary status and that men we find in the dairying industry were prepared to devote time and money to the cause of the organization.

BUTTER PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

During the year, the organization has undertaken a butter publicity campaign, the propaganda used by manufacturers so-called substitutes for butter. The estimated cost of this campaign was £8,000, and co-operation of the Government in the region of £5,500; the Director of the Dairy Disposal Board £2,000, and your own Association £1,000. The advertising campaign conducted through the I screen and by letter and circular to all milk producers. Air space Radio Eireann was not available for a suitable time, otherwise would have been used as a medium of advertising.

It is hoped to continue the advertising campaign for a further year, as the Irish Cream Exports' Association has allotted for the very generous sum of £5,000 to the publicity campaign. I take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to that of the Association to its operative Creameries, the Exporters of the Dairy Disposal Board and the Cream Exporters' Association for their very kind co-operation in the project.

Representatives from the O'Connell and Minister for Agriculture in February of this year view to putting a tariff on 100 gallons used in the manufacture of margarine also re an increase in the price of milk. The findings of the Commission. The deputation promised that very careful consideration would be given to case put forward by the deputation.

Representatives from this association in conjunction with representatives from the Cream Exporters' Association, England and this year. The result very favourable from the producers' point of view, as more has been exported this year compared with 1954.

A CONCERNED MOVE

In September of this year Association sponsored a meeting of all bodies connected with the dairying industry, with a view to discussing fully the problems which the industry was confronted and to formulate a common

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UNITY OF CONSIDERATION.

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On the proposition of Collins at our previous meeting we called for more Parish meetings. I am suggesting now that we should have a Parish meeting in every Parish in the county.

NEW PROBLEM.

The Minister for Agriculture said that the problem of tuberculosis in cattle was a new problem. He said that the problem of tuberculosis in cattle was a new problem. He said that the problem of tuberculosis in cattle was a new problem.

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APPY CHRISTMAS.

The Chairman wished the members of the Press a very Merry Christmas.

Big Fowl