

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to pressure of space, be guaranteed.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will kindly send in all advertisements for standing advertisements on Friday mornings. We cannot guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisement received after 2 p.m. on that day.

## THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1931.

### THIS WEEK IN CITY CINEMAS.

Grand Central—"The Public Defender."  
Athenæum—"The Devil to Pay."  
Coliseum—"Fair Warning."

P.Y.M.A. Pierrot Concert, Thursday next, 8 p.m.

### SAORSTAT EDUCATION.

The report of the Department of Education for the year 1929-'30, which has just been published is a detailed and informative document, dealing with all aspects of Primary and Secondary Education, as well as with Technical Instruction. In addition to the steady improvement noted in the educational side, the report states that there has been a gratifying increase in the attendance of pupils in Primary, Secondary, and Technical Schools. There are now, it appears, more pupils attending the Secondary Schools than was the case in the whole of Ireland anterior to the change of Government, while the attendance of pupils in the National Schools also shows an increase, coupled with a steady raising of the qualifications for training for the profession of teaching. The School Attendance Act must be regarded as the instrument for increasing the attendance at the Primary Schools, and in this city as well as in other centres its effect in that direction cannot be over-estimated. The statute is fairly and impartially administered by the Civic Guards who see to it that no child under the prescribed age is allowed to roam the streets or countryside during school hours. For the year ended June 1929, the average on the rolls was 422,075, the average attendance, 353,582, or 83.7 per cent. of the children of school-going age, while the average on the rolls for the year ended June, 1930, was 421,142; the average attendance being 355,607, with a percentage attendance of 84.4, or an increase of 7. In some cases the percentage of attendance was much higher than 84.7. For instance,

## OBITUARY.

### DEATH OF MR PERCIVAL GRIFFITHS

Numerous friends in the city learned with deep regret of the death, which took place suddenly on Sunday last at his residence, Hill View, Ennis Road, of Mr Percival C. Griffiths, a member of an old Limerick family, who in former years carried on a drapery and fancy goods business in Patrick street. He was a son of the late Mr Louis and Mrs Elizabeth Griffiths, and brother of Mr H. M. Griffiths, Manager of the Limerick Clothing Factory, and Mr Wilton Griffiths, Cashier, Clyde Shipping Co. The deceased, who was in the prime of life, was, up to the time of his demise, representative of the firm of Mr E. P. Daly, fancy goods trade, Catherine street, and both in business and private life his courteous and kindly disposition made him very popular. He was an old member of the Shannon Rowing Club, and a former member of the Protestant Young Men's Association, where he took a leading part in the gymnastic class. Deep sympathy is extended to his relatives in their bereavement.

The funeral, which took place at 10 a.m. to-day at St. Mary's Cathedral, was large and representative.

The chief mourners were—Messrs Harry Griffith, Louis Griffith, Wilton Griffith, and Victor Griffith (brothers).

The officiating clergy were—Rev. Mr. Mathers, Methodist Minister, Limerick, and Rev. Mr. Elliott, Cork.

### DEATH OF MR. GEORGE O'DEA.

Numerous friends in city and county have heard with regret of the death of Mr George O'Dea, which took place on Thursday last at St. John's Hospital after a few weeks' illness. Mr O'Dea, who had reached an advanced age, carried on at one time provision trade business in the city, but for many years back had retired from commercial life and resided at Enniscouch House, Rathkeale. He was a man of a most kindly and generous disposition and very popular. Deep sympathy is extended to his widow and relatives in their sorrow. The funeral, which took place at Rathkeale New Cemetery on Saturday, was large and representative.

### Death of Mr Patrick Moloney.

The death, which we announce with regret, occurred at his residence, Athlunkard House, Corbally, yesterday, of Mr Patrick Moloney after a brief illness, and at a comparatively early age. The deceased was an extensive cattle dealer, and was well known in his business calling throughout the province. He enjoyed a wide measure of popularity in the city and district, and his demise, which is generally regretted, is a severe blow to his widow and young family. The remains will be removed at 7 o'clock this evening to Parteen Church, and the funeral takes place at 1 o'clock to-morrow to Mount St. Laurence. There will be Requiem High Mass at 10.30 o'clock.

## STORMS AND FLOODS

### Effects in the South.

#### Trains Held Up.

Following the downpour of rain on Sunday night and yesterday, there are reports of extensive flooding from almost every town in the South.

Cork, Tipperary, Waterford, and Limerick felt the full force of the storm.

The railway lines were flooded in many areas. The Cork train to Youghal last evening could not go beyond Killeag station; flooding near Clonmel prevented trains to Waterford, while there was no train from Rosslare to Waterford last evening. The train from Waterford to Limerick was unable to reach Cahir, and a special train was made up to take passengers from Cahir to Limerick.

Cross-Channel steamers had to seek refuge in Waterford harbour.

A Youghal correspondent writes:—As a result of the recent unprecedented rainfall Youghal has been cut off by rail, the afternoon train from Cork having to stop at Killbegh, and passengers taking to the bus.

All the low-lying country around is deeply flooded. Even the main road was submerged in parts. Reports of similar conditions are arriving from surrounding districts. The fierce storm raging since yesterday has not abated.

#### FLOODING IN COUNTY LIMERICK.

A Kilmallock correspondent writes:—Following 24 hours' rain, floods are prevalent in Co. Limerick. Rivers have overflowed and fields are covered with water. Roads are rendered impassable, and pedestrians have to travel on top of fences at considerable risk.

It is reported that following the heavy rains of Sunday and yesterday large tracts of land along the Shannon have been flooded in some places to a depth of four feet. The Greenpark Racecourse has suffered in part but not to any great extent. It is also stated that the Mulkear River has overflowed its banks, causing much damage to pasture land, especially in the vicinity of Cappamore, where some houses have been flooded.

In Cappamore village, as already stated many houses are inundated and the people have been compelled to leave their homes. Long Street and contiguous thoroughfares are so flooded that they are now impassable. Hundreds of acres are submerged, giving the appearance of a huge lake. Lands in the Boher are also submerged and the main road at this point is covered to a depth of about three feet.

The Shannon at Limerick is in full flood but to-day the weather was fine, and it is hoped the rainy period has ended for the present.

#### Other Areas.

Following a torrential downpour on Sunday night, and all day on Monday, Thomastown is threatened with the worst flood for many years.