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(From Our Correspondent).

L.S.F.—Section A.

Arrangements have been almost completed in this district for the enrolment of members of Section A of the Local Security Force under the new conditions governing that force and the response in every area has been regarded as very satisfactory. In Newcastle West during the week past the ceremony of swearing in took place and proved to be a very interesting event. The various sections first joined up in front of their headquarters at the Bridge and marched there to the Courthouse, where they were received by Supt. Mulcahy and a flag party composed of an armed guard of honour. Under the flag the ceremony of swearing in was then commenced and when this had been completed all present stood to attention and the National Anthem was sung.

Ready Response.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Supt. Mulcahy referred to the manner in which from the outset, Newcastle West and district had responded to the call which had been sent out to the nation to train and prepare themselves for the defence of the country. He was very glad to be able to say that since he had taken over control in the district he had received very hearty co-operation on all sides, and it gave him great pleasure to see that there had been that night such a ready response to the call to form the organization under the new conditions. It was in itself the best tribute which could be paid to the older men, who were again coming forward, and to the sound national spirit of the younger men who were now stepping into the line of their country's defence.

What Is Anticipated.

It is understood that all the districts in Newcastle West area will have been completed during the course of this week, and that so far other areas are not behind Newcastle West in the number who have taken the new pledge, and it is anticipated that West Limerick will have at the conclusion of the enrolment a very formidable force, with considerable capacity for leadership and striking force, as was so amply proved at the recent manoeuvres.

Fire Fighting Demonstration.

A demonstration in fire fighting was carried out at South Quay, Newcastle West, during the course of last week. It was attended by Capt. Hogan, of the Limerick Fire Brigade. The members who took part in the operations were drawn from the fire fighting section of the Local Security Force.

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Obituary.

I regret to record the death of Mr. Michael Hickey, Finniterstown, Adare, which occurred on the 25th October at the advanced age of 80 years. The deceased came from one of the oldest and most respected members of the farming community in the district. He spent a long number of years on the staff of Messrs. Cannoek & Co., Limerick, where he was held in the highest esteem, not alone by the staff, but by the citizens in general. Michael, and his brothers Thomas and Patrick, were foremost standard-bearers in the United Irish League and the national movement generally. Sincere sympathy is extended to his sister in her bereavement.

The Funeral.

His remains were removed to the Parish Church on Saturday evening and his funeral, which was largely attended, took place to the family burial ground, Drihidtrasna. Very Rev. P. J. Canon Thornhill, P.P., officiated at the graveside, assisted by Rev. J. Culhane, C.C.

Died in England.

The death took place on the 21st of October at Surbiton, Surrey, of Mrs. Mildred Ballingal, wife of the late Mr. R. R. Ballingal, who acted as estate agent for 27 years to the late Earl of Dunraven. The deceased lady during her years in Adare was a popular figure in all movements of any deserving object. Sincere sympathy is extended from the residents of Adare to her daughter, Mrs. Doris Travers, Glandore, Co. Cork.

Gaelic League.

The annual Convention of the Adare Branch of the Gaelic League was held recently and the following officers were appointed for the coming year—Chairman, Seirse Mac Taidhg; Vice-Chairman, Tomas O Cainte; Secretary, Michael Mac Mathghamha; Treasurer, Padraig O Laighleis.

Annual Ceilidhe.

An interesting agenda was discussed and it was decided that the annual ceilidhe be held at the Village Hall on December 1st. Particulars will appear later in advertising columns. The Committee are sparing no efforts to ensure that this ceilidhe will be an outstanding success.

Chairman's Address.

The Chairman, in his address, reviewed the activities of the branch, and pointed out the necessity of saving the national language. To-day, he said, the manhood of the nation was organised and united to preserve the State from aggression. That was exactly as it should be, but while we neglected our native language we were failing to combat an enemy who was already in our midst.

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