

# BACK THE PAST

## Of 20 Years Ago

### S AND INCIDENTS CALLED

an abundant supply of vegetables, and 41 cwt. of bacon. The farm, said the K.M.S., was worked by the patients and staff, and afforded healthy and profitable employment.

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#### COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the newly-elected Limerick County Committee of Agriculture was held on Wednesday, July 28th, 1920. Mr. B. Laffan was unanimously voted to preside and the first business was the election of chairman and vice-chairman. Mr. P. K. Walsh and Mr. Laffan were proposed for the chairmanship, and the former was elected by six votes to five cast for Mr. Laffan, who was unanimously elected vice-chairman. Mr. J. J. Cleary, Agricultural Station, Athenry, was appointed instructor in horticulture and bee-keeping.

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#### MUNSTER FAIR.

The Munster Fair was held in Limerick on Friday, July 30th, 1920. There was good demand for bullocks and heifers, but fat cows were not so much in evidence. Average prices were: Yearlings, £18 to £24; two year olds, £25 to £33; three year olds, £34 to £42; prime mutton, 1s. 8d. per lb. on foot; best beef, 86s. to 96s. per live cwt.; milk cows, £35 to £45.

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#### CITY "TECH" FIRE.

An attempt to burn down the Limerick City Technical Institute was made by British Crown forces early on the morning of Friday, July 30th, 1920. About 5 a.m. Night Constable Boland was attracted to the place by the glare of flames from the building. He immediately proceeded to the residence of Mr. Christopher Sheahan and telephoned to the Fire Station. The Brigade, under Lieutenant Dan Hogan (now Captain), were promptly on the scene and had the fire extinguished in half an hour, and thus prevented a serious conflagration.

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#### OTHER OUTRAGES.

The extensive drapery premises and dry goods stores owned by Mr. Timothy Crowley, Ballylanders, were blown up and burned to the ground just twenty years ago. This outrage, the work of British Crown forces, was due to the fact that the members of the Crowley family were particularly active in the Irish was of independence. At the same time Garryspillane Co-operative Creamery, three miles from Ballylanders, was burned down and the machinery destroyed. A jennet belonging to Mr. Michael Coleman, Ballylanders, was bayoneted to death by the military while the animal was grazing on the roadside.

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#### IRISH IRELAND.

A highly successful Aeridheacht was held at Castleconnell this time twenty years ago. An opening address was delivered by Rev. P. Devanny, the highly respected P.P., now Canon Devanny, who delivered a stirring speech at the recent County Feis in the same village quite recently. Other speakers on the occasion were Rev. M. Hamilton, Ennis College, and Rev. James Hayes, C.C., St. Michael's, Limerick. The entertainment part of the programme was of a strong Irish Ireland flavour and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. W. F. Lee who still retains all the genial breeziness and enthusiasm that have contributed so much to make him the deservedly popular figure he is, was the honorary secretary of the function and was largely responsible for its great success.

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## OBITUARY

### MRS. McCARTHY, GORTSKAGH HOUSE, CASTLEMAHON.

The death occurred at the Bon Secour Hospital, Cork, on Wednesday, 25th ult., of Mrs. John Joe McCarthy, of Gortskagh House, Castlemahon. The deceased lady, who belonged to the well-known West Limerick family of McEnerys, was a sister of Mr. James McEnery, of Castlemahon, and passed away in the prime of life to the inexpressible sorrow of her husband and family.

The funeral, which took place from Cork to the Parish Church at Castlemahon, was attended by the numerous friends of the family in Cork City, and was met along the road by mourners from West Limerick. The interment, which took place at the family burial ground at Castlemahon on Friday, was attended by the largest crowd seen in Castlemahon for a considerable time, and testified to the esteem in which the deceased lady and her husband were held.

The officiating clergy were Rev. J. Wall, P.P., Croom; Rev. M. O'Brien, P.P., Castlemahon; Rev. M. J. O'Grady, C.C., Newcastle West; Rev. W. J. O'Grady, C.C., St. John's, Limerick; Rev. P. Murphy, C.C., Monagea.

The chief mourners were: J. J. McCarthy (husband), Ann Philomena McCarthy (daughter), John and James McEnery (brothers), Mrs. M. Harnett, Abbeyfeale; Mrs. W. O'Shaughnessy, Broadford (sisters); Mrs. P. J. Hurley, Ballybunion (aunt); P. J. Hurley (uncle); Dr. E. O'Shaughnessy, M.O., Broadford; Maurice W. Harnett, Abbeyfeale; Charles McCarthy (kantorik-n-law); Mrs. John McEnery (brother); Mrs. James McEnery and Mrs. C. McCarthy (sisters-in-law); Willie Harnett, Batty Harnett, Abbeyfeale; Willie McEnery (nephews); Mary Harnett, Eily Harnett, Abbeyfeale; Sadie and May McEnery, Maura McEnery (nieces); Rev. J. Wall, P.P.; Rev. W. O'Grady, Rev. M. J. O'Grady, Michael, Thomas and James McEnery, J. M. O'Grady, Mrs. Lena O'Sullivan, Madge O'Sullivan, Tim O'Neill, J. J. King, Secretary, Limerick Co. Board of Health, Willie and John McEnery, Caras; C. and J. Russell, Mrs. Thomas McEnery, Mrs. John Scanlan, Jeremiah McEnery (Cork), Barry McEnery, Manager, Castlemahon Creamery; Rev. Brother Eden, Dublin (cousins).

Widespread sympathy is felt with Mr. McCarthy on his bereavement and numerous Mass cards and messages and telegrams of sympathy were received by him.

Amongst the general public who attended the funeral were: Laurence Curtin, auctioneer; W. McCoy, E. McAuliffe, Dr. J. O'Brien, J. Lyons, M. Geary, M. O'Halloran, M. McCoy, T. Kennedy, M. Liston, Manager, Munster and Leinster Bank, Newcastle West; Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Brien Ballingarry; P. Liston, solicitor, Rathkeale; Pat Liston, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. T. Geary, Mrs. Drimane, Mr. and Mrs. Liston, Misses S. and N. O'Callaghan, Mr. and Mrs. S. McMahon, Nora Howard, Mr. and Mrs. M. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. T. Dalton, Michael Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Roche, C. Geary, May Dalton, T. Nix, M. Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. P. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Vouffe, Mr. and Mrs. T. Moore, Ann Sheahan, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Connor, J. Roche, R. Roche, J. O'Connor, Alice O'Connor, Mrs. Liston, J. Liston, Denis and Mrs. Sheahan, R. Roche, Mrs. T. Roche, Mr. and Mrs. Con Noonan, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Keane, Mrs. J. Fitzgibbon, M. Ahern, R. Ahern, Mrs. McMahon, Patrick and Mrs. Reidy, W. and Mrs. Cagney, Kattie Quaid, Mary Dore, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Cussen, S. Frawley, P. O'Callaghan, M. Liston, Ned Doherty, W. Leahy, J. and Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. J. O'Brien, S. Geary, Patrick, John and Mrs. Dowling, Pat and Mrs. Downey, Dan Downey (Mayne), James and Mrs. Liston, S. Regan, Bridie Regan, John and Mrs. Colum, Mr. and Mrs. M. Harnett, Dr. P. McCarthy, M.O., Abbeyfeale; Batt Harnett, Miss D. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Ward, N.T., W. O'Connor, Owen Doody, E. Lane, T. O'Sullivan, M. O'Connell, Abbeyfeale; P. Wall, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. T. Lane Clouncagh; Mrs. Gilbourne, Mrs. Moade, Kilmecody; Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Alry, Knockaderry; Owen O'Sullivan, Tim O'Riordan, D. and Mrs. Geary, Jer. and Mrs. McCarthy, Josie Noonan, John and Pat Scanlan, Tom and Mrs. Davis, Broadford; John O'Keefe, James and Mrs. Doody, James and Mrs. Enright, Mrs. T. Brouder, Ita Enright, John and Mrs. Barry, Michael and Mrs. Noonan, Miss Harold, Newcastle West; Ben Quinlan, R. O'Sullivan, M. Howard, T. Murphy, Kanturk; Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Limerick.

## SALE AGREEMENT.

### And What Came Of It

#### ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS

#### CASE AT KILFINANE COURT

(From Our Correspondent).

Before Mr. H. L. Connor, B.L., D.J., at Kilfinane Court.

Patrick Noonan summoned Cornelius Daly for alleged assault on the 22nd of April. There was an application to bind to the peace. There was a cross summons by Daly for assault. Both parties belong to Ballincabber.

Mr. W. A. Lee, solicitor, (Messrs. Roger Fox and Co.) appeared for Noonan and Mr. T. E. F. Bennett, solicitor for Daly.

Noonan, in reply to Mr. Lee, said that he had some time ago purchased some of Daly's lands and on the above date he had a cow on the land that he had purchased twelve months before. Daly came down and said he would put the cow in the pound if he found her there any more. He threatened a assault witness and came within striking distance of him. He had a knife in his hand but he (witness) did not like to be too hard on him.

The Justice observed that the witness would tell the truth.

It was alleged in the cross summons that he had assaulted Daly, but witness said that was not true, and he had no weapon in his hand. Witness's wife came out and got a bad shock over the matter.

#### WITNESS CROSS-EXAMINED.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bennett—Would I be right in saying that on the 2nd December, 1938, you agreed to purchase 4½ acres of land from this man and that you signed an agreement of sale?—Yes.

It was not closed until the 18th June of this year?—Yes.

And you were not entitled to this land until that time under the conditions of sale?—I was.

I put it to you that you entered on a separate agreement to rent this place?—No.

How is it that he paid the rent and rates?—I was to pay a rent of 2/- per week, and was to await the decision of consent from the Land Commission before taking up the land, and in case the Land Commission did not consent I was to get back my deposit. I went to Mr. Daly and asked him would he give over the land I had got for rent.

You paid £5 deposit on a £200 sale, and when you asked Daly he very reasonably agreed to let you in an occupation rent, and that had nothing to do with the other sale and was from February, 1939, to the 1st March, 1940?—Yes.

#### NO CONVEYANCE OR TITLE.

You had got no conveyance or title to the lands on the 22nd April?—No.

You had no conceivable title and he was exercising his absolute right and you immediately proceeded to assert your erroneous belief that you were right by assaulting him?—No.

When you met Daly, who believed, rightly or wrongly, that you were trespassing on him, you immediately made a drive at him?—No.

And while he was talking to you he had a pocket knife in his hand. Did you ever see a man having an open penknife in his hand for the purpose of cutting tobacco?—I never saw a man drawing an open knife out of his pocket.

He did not attempt to strike you with it?—He did not get time. I caught him and when he took it out he said—"I'll leave that through you."

#### THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CASE.

Cornelius Daly stated that he sold the land in December, 1938, and got £5 deposit on the sale. In the month of February, 1939, Noonan took the grazing of it until March, 1940. Meanwhile witness paid the rent and rates and Noonan had the house at 2/- per week. This agreement was ended on the 1st March of the present year. On the 22nd April he found Noonan's cattle trespassing there and said that if he found them there again he would put them in the pound. Noonan struck him on the head with an iron bar but witness never raised his hand and had no intention of striking him. He went to the Guards but Noonan was there before him. He saw Guard Walsh.

Mr. Lee—And being in a serious condition after an assault with an iron bar...