

OBITUARY

MRS. CATHERINE NEALON. It is with feelings of profound sorrow we announce the death of Mrs. Catherine Nealon, 31, Bishop Street, Limerick, which sad event took place on Friday morning last at the City Home. The deceased, who was a member of an old and highly-respected family of St. Mary's Parish, had been failing in health for some time past, and despite all that medical skill could do, coupled with the unremitting attention of the Rev. Mother Sisters and Nurses Enright, O'Farrell and Dwyane of the City Home, she breathed forth her immortal soul to her Creator on September 13th. The deceased lady, who was the beloved wife of Mr. Patrick Nealon, foreman baker, Messrs. Daly, Sarsfield Street, was held in the highest esteem by the residents of the Parish. Her irreparable loss will be keenly felt by her sorrowing husband and family. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother, and her gentle and kind disposition endeared her to everyone who knew her. A devout and exemplary member of Holy Church, her last moments were peaceful and edifying, and she bore her illness with true Christian fortitude and resignation. She was the personification of humility and goodness, and it was in her own home that her virtues and her goodness found their largest outlet.

Requiem Mass was celebrated on Sunday morning last for the happy repose of her soul. Immediately after the funeral took place from St. Mary's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, and the cortège was of very large proportions, mourners coming from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect to a lady who had been held in very high esteem throughout her life.

The chief mourners were: Mr. Patrick Nealon (husband), John, Joseph and Junnie (sons), Mary, Philomena, Bernadette and Geraldine (daughters), Sergeant Joseph McNamara, Garda McNamee, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon (brother), Mrs. J. McNamara, daughter-in-law, Miss P. McNamara, daughter, Mrs. F. Spillane (aunt), John McNamara, Thomas Spillane, Stephen Spillane, Mrs. P. O'Brien, Mrs. C. Conidine, Martin Wallace, John Wallace (cousins), Mary Nealon, Eileen Nealon, John Joe Nealon, Angela Nealon, Mrs. Murphy, Sean Casey and Patrick Casey (relatives).

Mr. G. McNamara (brother) and Mrs. P. Doyle (sister) unavoidably absent in England.

Amongst the general public were:— Alderman James Reidy, T.D.; Mr. James McQuane, President Trades Council; Mr. John Conroy, Mr. E. Browne, Mr. J. Hourigan and Mr. D. Browne, Transport Union; Mr. Gerard Dillon, Thomond Cinema; the Misses Daly, Mr. Edward O'Toole, Mr. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Caslin, Strokestown; Mr. Luke Donlon, Strokestown; the President, Secretary and members of the Limerick Bakers Society, the President, Secretary and members of the Confectioners Society, the President, Secretary and members of the Vanmen's Society, the President, Secretary and members of Athlunkard Boat Club, the members of St. Mary's No. 1 (Group A), Local Security Force, representatives of Curragower Boat Club.

Owing to the large funeral cortège it would be impossible to give a full list of the general public.

The clergy present were: Rev. Father Costelloe, C.C., St. Mary's; Rev. Father Kennedy, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Maurice, O.F.M.; Rev. Father McKinney, CSSR; Rev. Father P. O'Donnell, CSSR.

The Rev. Father Costelloe in the absence of Rev. Father Harty, P.P., officiated at the graveside.

Mass cards and floral wreaths were sent by the following:—From her loving children; Local Security Force (St. Mary's No. 1, Group A); St. Mary's Club, Children of Mary Sodality; The Bakers' Staff attached to Messrs. Daly's Bakery, Sarsfield Street; the female staff, do; the Casey family; Sergeant Joseph McNamara and Mrs. J. McNamara and family, Strokestown; the Misses Daly, Sarsfield Street; the children attached to Miss Geraldine Nealon's class, St. Mary's Convent; from the firm of Messrs. Daly's; from Mr. Michael and Mrs. Clancy; Madge Coffey; Tom Madigan and Mary Madigan and family; Mr. Paddy McMahon and Lil McMahon; Mrs. Quinnan; Mrs. M. A. Hickey; Mr. and Mrs. Murphy; Mr. and Mrs. Keogh; Joseph McDonnell; Mr. and Mrs. T. Nealon; Mrs. A. Lyons; Mrs. George Clancy (nee Killeen); Mary Anne O'Shea and Mrs. K. Brady; Mr. and Mrs. M. Phayer; Mr. P. and Mrs. Caslin, Strokestown; Mr. Paddy and Mrs. O'Brien; Miss Lena Galvin; the Conroy family, Maryborough.

(American papers please copy).

WESTERN GAELS**Board Meeting At Ballingarry****CHAIRMAN AND SUPPORT FOR COUNTY PLAYER**

Mr. William Sheahan presided at a meeting of West Limerick G.A.A. Board which took place at Ballingarry on Tuesday evening. Delegates were present from Rathkeale, Dromard, Kilfinny, Ballingarry, Feenagh and Castletown.

Messrs. T. Reidy and M. McCarthy, secretaries, were the officials in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

SUPPORT FOR COUNTY PLAYER

Mr. Sheahan referred to the omission of his remarks at the previous meeting from Press reports in connection with the land dispute in which Mr. J. Roche, the well-known Croom Gael, was involved.

He would like to know who was responsible for it.

UP THREE FLIGHTS OF STAIRS.

Having found the address, I mounted three flights of stairs and had my first experience of the conditions under which some of our young married workers have to live in the city. Despite the smoking chimney, the young wife had everything in the two apartments as spotless as a new pin. The baby boy was asleep in his cot and his sister of 14 months was making valiant but vain efforts to walk on the uneven tarpaulin floor. Every time she fell she had the knack of landing in a sitting position, and judging by her crows of delight it appeared as if the gymnastic display was deliberate and not accidental. The gold finch in its cage by the only window was an exponent of the doctrine of regular exercise and never ceased for a moment its untiring leap from perch to bars and back again.

The rent of the flat I found to be £5.6 per week, which by the year would amount to £14 6s., a sum equal to the combined rent and rates of many a good sized farm in the country.

The boasted amenities of the city were all missing, and water, coal and even light, had to be hauled up three flights of narrow, dirty, semi-rotten stairs. How they managed to get the pram down to the street I forgot to inquire; at any rate it is an engineer's job and I must not forget to mind my own business.

The flats, I was glad to learn, are condemned by the medical authorities and the tenants are merely serving their purgatory of residence so as to qualify for one of the new houses.

FIXTURES.

September 22nd, at Killaloe, junior football—Mountcoolin v. Castlemahon, at 3 p.m.; senior hurling, Rathkeale v. Killfinny.

September 29th, at Rathkeale, minor hurling—Newcastle West v. Ballingarry; junior hurling, Dromard v. Croagh.

October 13th, at Adare, minor hurling—Rathkeale v. Kilfinny, at 3 p.m.

PERMITS FOR TOURNAMENTS.

Castletown applied for and were granted permission to play the final of their tournament on 29th inst., the teams engaged being Feenagh and Granagh.

Feenagh were granted the 13th October as one of the dates for a two-day Gold Medal Tournament.

It transpired that the following teams had promised to participate—Feenagh, Granagh, Dromcollogher and Newtownshandrum.

JUNIOR HURLING FINAL.

Mr. Sheahan congratulated Granagh on winning the West Limerick junior hurling final and paid a glowing tribute to Ardagh. The game was played in a fine sporting spirit and perfect stewarding was the order of the day.

The next meeting was fixed for Knockaderry on October 8th at 7.30 p.m.

KILLALOE NOTES

(From Our Correspondent).

Oh, where, Kincora, is Brian the Great? And where is the beauty that once was thine?

Oh, where are the princes and nobles that sat?

At the feast in thy halls and drank the red wine?

Where, Oh, Kincora!

These lines which James Clarence

Mangan translated from the Irish of Mac Liag, Brian Boru's Chief Bard, are well known to the youth of the present day, yet there are a few in our midst who, if asked, could not point out the location of Kincora to tourists and others.

Brian Boru's Fort.

Recently a distinguished writer visited Killaloe and was told by his guide that the royal palace stood where the fort is situated. This is not correct information as far as can be gleaned from Folklore and history. The real name of the fort

STRAY SCRAPS**Flights Of Stairs****AND FLIGHT FROM THE LAND**

(By "RAMBLING THADY").

As a matter of business I had occasion a few days ago to call on an address in Limerick City. After several inquiries I ultimately found the place, to discover it was not a street at all but was known by the glorified term of a row. Hundreds of times I had passed it and strangely had never noticed it, though the entrance to the row is merely a few doors from one of the main thoroughfares of the city. It merely shows how blindly many of us walk along, how unobservant we can be, how the things under our very noses, before our unseeing eyes, have failed to register on our brains. I am no better or worse than the ordinary citizen, and though I have endeavoured to train my powers of observation the results, unfortunately, have been very meagre. I met people who have lived their lives within 100 yards of the row in question and had never heard of it. Strange, is it not, yet definitely true.

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FLIGHT FROM THE LAND.

The consideration of this particular case forms a natural opening to a discussion on the all-absorbing subject which has come to be known as the "flight from the land".

Many causes have been assigned for this flight. On the surface many of them would appear legitimate but a closer study reveals them as the products of vivid imagination.

The alleged allurements of town and city life have been put forward as a cause for the flight, but this would only be a transient cause. The cleanliness, the peacefulness and the happiness to be found in even a country cottage as compared with a city slum would surely tend to produce a return flight to the land. Other avenues of research must be explored to find the genuine cause.

Suggestions have even been made by prominent men (possibly for political reasons) that the development of our manufacturing industries is one of the causes.

Actually there is no flight from the land. Land hunger is as evident to-day as it has ever been. The officials of the Land Commission will tell you so and they are in a position to know. Their note books are full of the names of disappointed applicants.

THE TRUE CAUSE.

The economic conditions in which many thousands of our Irish families are compelled to live is the true cause of the flight from the land. Let me quote some interesting figures which may not be generally known. In 1932 there were 45,000 holdings in this country under one acre, 31,000 between one and five acres, 35,000 between ten and fifteen acres, and 90,000 between twenty and thirty acres, giving an aggregate total of 239,000 holdings.

These represent nearly two thirds of the total agricultural holdings in the country and contain upwards of a million of our population. It is generally understood that a thirty acre farm is the minimum on which a farmer can support, in frugal comfort, a heritage. This tribute is contained in family to-day. Farms under this are a message from President Roosevelt to be seen that nearly two thirds of the agricultural holdings in this country cannot support a family and give employment to members of that family. That is the reason for what is called the

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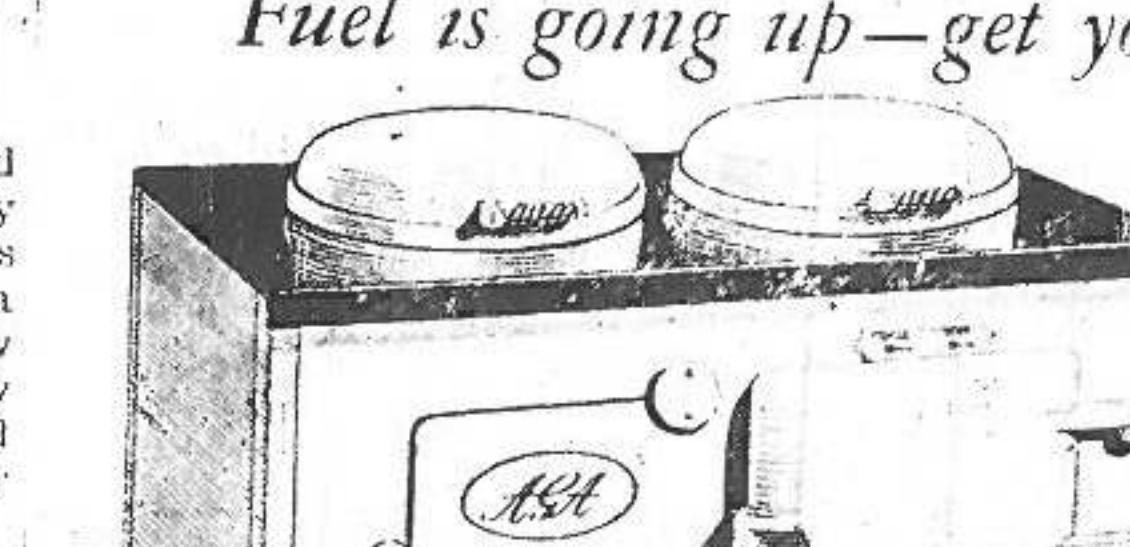
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