

PROMINENT FIGURE

An Ex-Mayor Passes Away

DEATH OF MR. B. O'DONNELL

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Bryan O'Donnell, an esteemed and highly respected citizen, which took place at his residence, William Street, Limerick, on Monday morning.

The late Mr. O'Donnell, who was in his 93rd year, was son of Mr. James O'Donnell, Ballyryan, Kildimo, a man and was uncle of Mr. L. O'Donnell, Secretary, Limerick County Council.

At the time of his death Mr. O'Donnell was Chairman of the Limerick Race Company and in his hey-day he kept a first class racing stable at Ballycough. Amongst his best known chasers were Lady Ronald, Cherry Blossom, Prince Charlie, Belle Item, Roxboro, etc. His principal jockey was Stephen Regan, senior.

FIRST PARNELLITE MAYOR OF LIMERICK.

In 1893, Mr. O'Donnell was elected the first Parnellite Mayor of Limerick. He was re-elected in 1894-95, when he retired on his appointment as City Rate Collector, a position from which he resigned some ten years ago.

As a young man he became a member of the Fenian Brotherhood, but for many years past he took no part in politics.

He took a great interest in sport, especially in racing and rowing. At different periods he was President of the Shannon Rowing Club and was a member of the famous Shannon Rowing Club senior four, who annexed trophies all over the country fifty years ago. The members of the crew were O'Donnell, O'Carroll, Mackey, Madigan, with Blue as Cox.

Deep sympathy will be extended to the widow and other members of the family in their bereavement.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Wednesday to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, the cortege being of huge dimensions and of a thoroughly representative character.

The chief mourners were—Mrs. Bryan O'Donnell (wife); Charles O'Donnell (son); Mrs. Ethel Fogarty and Mrs. McHugh (daughters); L. O'Donnell, Dr. Michael O'Donnell, J. J. O'Donnell, Ballyryan; J. J. O'Donnell, manager, National Bank Tuam; Jack O'Donnell, Dr. Frank O'Donnell (nephews); Mrs. J. J. Hennessy (niece); Cecil Fogarty and Michael McHugh (sons-in-law); Miss Ethel Browne and Mrs. J. Clancy (sisters-in-law); Bryan Fogarty, Daniel McSwiney, Bryan McSwiney, Richard McSwiney, Mrs. A. Staunton, Mrs. Clarke and Miss Moira McSwiney and Miss Sally Fogarty (grandchildren); Wm. High O'Donnell, Michael O'Donnell, William O'Donnell, Thomas O'Donnell and James O'Donnell, James Hennessy, William Hennessy (nephews).

The clergy present were—Rev. Father W. J. Carroll, Adm. St. Michael's; Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C., do.; Rev. John White, C.C., do.; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C., do.; Rev. J. Chawke, C.C., do.; Rev. T. Lyons, C.C., do.; Rev. W. P. Harty, P.P., St. Mary's; Rev. Father Fabian, O.F.M.; Rev. Father Maurice, O.F.M.

The pall bearers were—Charles O'Donnell (son); L. O'Donnell, J. J. O'Donnell, Ballyryan; Jack O'Donnell, J. J. O'Donnell, and Dr. Michael O'Donnell (nephews).

So large was the attendance of the general public that it would be impossible to give anything like an exhaustive list of those present.

Rev. Bro. S. B. McSwiney (relative), Christian Brothers, Dublin, was unavoidably prevented from being present at the obsequies.

Wreaths were sent from the following—Sorrowing wife, Limerick Race Co., Michael and Violet, Cecil, Ethel and Bryan McSwiney (grandchildren).

Mass cards were sent by—Wife, Violet, Michael and Violet, Ethel and Cecil, Bryan and Sally, Larry and Nellie, Ethel Browne, Mr. F. McHugh (Dublin), Jim and Nan, Mrs. Clune and family, C. J. and Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Ryan, Katty Clune, Teresa Clancy, Mrs. J. Collins, B. M. and A. Quirke, Mrs. McGrath and family, Mrs. Staunton (Dublin), Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McSwiney, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McSwiney, Miss Moira McSwiney.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

At the meeting of the Limerick Harbour Board on Monday, the Mayor (Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.), presiding, referred to the death of Mr. Bryan O'Donnell, and said that by his demise the city had lost a great citizen. Mr. O'Donnell had been Mayor of the city for three years and held the office of City Rate Collector. Mr. O'Donnell was also a great sportsman. He proposed that the sympathy of the Board be extended to the widow and family in their bereavement.

The vote was seconded unanimously and passed in silence.

MAN IN THE YARD

Asked Would Husband Enlist

SHANAGOLDEN COURT CASE

At Shanagolden District Court, before Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J., on Wednesday, Supt. T. Mulcahy, G.S., Newcastle West, summoned a young man named Seamus Sheridan, of no fixed address, to show cause why he should not be bound to the peace.

Mr. Martin Lavan, solicitor, Newcastle West, defended.

The Superintendent said that the summons was brought as a result of the defendant's conduct outside a house in the district in June last. His conduct, it was alleged, was such as was calculated to lead to a breach of the peace.

Mrs. Ellen Gillard, Ballyin, Shanagolden, stated that she was in bed on the night of 15th June last when she was disturbed by the noise of the defendant coming in around the yard. He was talking and shouting, and making as much noise as four or five people. Witness got up and opened the door, and saw defendant outside in the yard. When she inquired what he was doing he asked her would her husband list, and she told him that if he didn't go away she would send for the Guards. He remained leaning against the wall in the yard for a few minutes, and eventually went over the big gate into the road. She was frightened of him, because of all the noise he made around the yard. Defendant was drunk at the time.

HUSBAND DIDN'T COME OUT.

In reply to Mr. Lavan, witness said her husband was in the house at the time but he didn't come out at all.

Mr. Lavan—The noise in the yard couldn't have been very bad when your husband didn't come out at all. Are you sure it was Sheridan that was there?—I am quite sure. I knew him for years, as he often lived round the place in a waggon.

I suggest that he always conducted himself and never gave trouble to anyone in the district?—I don't know anything about him that way.

Henry Gillard, husband of the previous witness, said he was in the house when the commotion started. He heard someone trying to push in the door in his wife and on looking out a window he saw a man against the wall who subsequently went away.

The Superintendent asked for and was granted permission to cross-examine the witness with reference to a statement he had made to the Guards after the alleged offence.

Witness then admitted making a statement in which he said that he was in bed at the time and that his wife had to get out of bed to go into the yard to the man.

Replying to further questions, witness observed that "he was only after getting up a short time before the Court" and was quite clear about his statement.

Justice—Get down, I don't want to start the new year with that kind of stuff. I had enough of it last year.

DEFENDANT'S DENIAL.

Sergeant Garvey, Shanagolden, stated that following a complaint he interviewed the defendant, who denied that he was in Gillard's yard. Witness subsequently took defendant and another man of his own class to Mrs. Gillard, who identified defendant as the man who had been in the yard.

Answering Mr. Lavan, witness said that defendant had been in the district several times and apart from reports of trespass there were no other complaints against him.

For the defence, Sheridan said that on the day in question he was selling horses to a number of people in the district. Having described his movements, he said he arrived home to his caravan at about ten o'clock and went to bed, as he was sick from pains in his teeth. He didn't go near Gillard's yard that night and knew nothing about the incident complained of.

Superintendent—I suggest that you took some nourishment to ease the pain in your tooth?—Not a drop.

Superintendent—You are a man of rather striking appearance and a man that would not be easily forgotten with that auburn hair you have. I am not making a joke of it, but don't you think that if a person saw you once they wouldn't be likely to make a mistake again in fair light; you don't think Mrs. Gillard would make a false statement against you?—She is making it now.

BROTHER'S EVIDENCE.

John Sheridan, brother of the defendant, said he was with his brother all the time on the night in question until he went to bed about 10. Defendant never went near Gillard's yard at all and witness could bring their mother and the "ould fellow" to prove it if necessary.

Timothy Cahill said that on the night in question defendant and his brother called to him about the sale of a horse. They were both sober and left to go home before ten.

Answering the Superintendent, witness said he knew the Sheridan's, who were dealers in horses.

HE WAS LOCKED OUT

Young Man Charged

WITH DOING DAMAGE TO COTTAGE

How a young man who was locked out of a cottage of which his mother had been tenant did damage to the building, was described before District Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., at Shanagolden Court on Wednesday.

A young man named John Dillane, Shanagolden, was charged with causing malicious damage to a labourer's cottage, the property of the Board of Health.

Supt. T. Mulcahy, G.S., prosecuted, and the defendant was not professionally represented.

FACTS OF THE CASE.

The Superintendent said the facts of the case were that defendant lived in the cottage with his mother, who died some time ago. Unfortunately for himself, defendant let in a sub-tenant who, however he managed it, held possession of the cottage himself. Defendant subsequently came along and when he wasn't admitted to the cottage he attempted to break in the door and damaged the panels.

Michael Synan, in reply to the Superintendent, said defendant went away working and allowed witness and his family in the cottage. Late one night in October he came to the house and desired to be admitted and witness told him he would have to wait until morning. When witness refused to open the door defendant and another man who was with him proceeded to break in the door and damaged the panels and a window catch.

ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE.

John de Courcey, B.E., Engineer for the Board of Health, estimated the damage caused to the door and window catch at £2 15s. One of the four panels of the door was badly damaged.

Defendant admitted that when Synan refused to admit him he attempted to break in the door of the cottage. He had asked Synan several times to admit him.

Justice—You can't do that, of course. Who was the tenant of the cottage at the time?

Mr. J. Neville, rent collector, said that as far as he was aware neither Synan nor defendant was tenant of the cottage. Witness had sent a tenancy agreement form to defendant, but it was not completed.

The Justice fined defendant 5/- and ordered him to pay £2 12s. compensation. He could not go knocking down doors and windows like that.

FOYNES AND DISTRICT

(From Our Correspondent).

Another Milestone.

We have passed another milestone on the road from the cradle to the grave. To some it was all up-hill going, others found it pretty level, whilst to the lucky few it was all easy downhill sailing. But the individual who is down may be up to-morrow, and vice-versa. Still taking 1940 on the whole it brought us that great spirit of national unity, the blessing of a year's peace, and it left nobody hungry. All then augurs well for the next stage in life's journey. Let us not be prophets of evil. Prepare for all eventualities and hope for the best. It is heartening to see the youth throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the various national organisations in these times of emergency.

Rifles.

I mentioned in the last notes how that quite a number of men in the L.S.F. here had been supplied with serviceable boots. Now it is announced that Group A. is coming under the Army and the first quota of rifles has been received locally. This will be a whet to their enthusiasm. Drill, discipline and the call of national defence will have a beneficial effect on the youth of to-day.

Received Into Church.

Mr. Paul Brown, M.Sc., Meteorological Officer, was received into the Church by Rev. Father Quinlan, C.C., Foynes, on Christmas Eve. He is a Londoner and has been here now for over two years. Like the Fitzgeralds of old, Mr. Brown is quickly getting acclimatised. His fiancée, Miss Mai McCoy, Newcastle West, was present at the ceremony. We heartily felicitate this popular gentleman on his great happiness and wish him and his fiancée every future joy and blessing.

Convert Sailor.

Mr. Bernard Omar, after an intensive course of five weeks training in Christian Doctrine whilst his ship, the ss. Christine Marie, was in docks here, was baptised by Rev. Father Quinlan, C.C., Foynes. The sponsors, Mr. O'Connell of Dublin, and Mrs. P. O'Connor, Derrish Avenue, Foynes, gave invaluable assistance to Father Quinlan by helping Mr. Omar to master the answers in our catechism. The young sailor was lonesome to be leaving Foynes, although he thought very little of the place during the first day or two of his stay. When

CITY CINEMA

THE GRAND CENTRAL

On Monday the Grand Central "Coastguard," a thrilling drama record of the coastguard and of who also serve. Featured in the brilliant cast are Randolph Frances Dee, Ralph Bellamy and Connolly. The story, depicting courageous guardsmen who have their lives in the pursuit, reveals the manifold activities of an organisation which has protected shores of America since the birth of the nation. Randolph Scott is seen as a less, careless aviator whose creation newspaper headlines. Bellamy is a dependable, courteous coast guardsman, who does not ignore the sensational. Connolly appears as a Franco-irascible sea captain grandfather.

The supporting feature is "A Woman is a Judge." A woman jurist, in her community for the fair, age and intelligence with which she met out justice, is suddenly called to decide the fate of her own accused of murder. That's the story of this picture, whose mounting and thrilling climax are brilliant in a memorable film. Fine as Frieda Inescort, who is seen as a woman judge; Otto Kruger and Hudson also add drama to a story.

On Thursday the programme to Paramount's brilliant Technicolor "Gulliver's Travels." All the hearty humour and rich fantasy. Swit's story of the English adventures in Lilliput come to life with magic. With ingenious adaptation story has become perfect material for feature cartoon, and combined with dialogue, hit music and glowing "Gulliver" comes to the screen as a thrilling entertainment. The music of the film is in keeping with the scale of everything connected with production. Its eight "hit" songs are popular favourites, "Fair Weather," "All's Well," "Bluebird Moonlight," "I Hear a Dream," "A Hap-Hap-Happy Day." The supporting feature is "One Man Justice," Charles Starrett and Barbara W. thrilling Western.

THE LYRIC

The ace talent and a stream-lined of modern marital entanglements, the fast-paced comedy entertainer "My Favourite Wife," to be presented next week. Re-united for the first time since their appearance in the comedy-hit, "The Awful Truth," Dunne and Gary Grant are co-starring in "My Favourite Wife." The production includes Leo McCarey, producer of "The Awful Truth," who is currently producing for RKO. Garson Kanin, responsible for "Mother," directed, with Randolph and Gail Patrick heading a supporting cast. Miss Dunne, Grant's wife, disappears when she goes on a scientific expedition, for which she is shipwrecked in the South Seas. After seven years she is declared legally dead and Miss Patrick, Irene, however much alive, and is rescued from a desert island with Scott, a scientist. She arrives home on the night her husband embarks on his honeymoon. Chartering a plane to overtake him, after she flings Grant with her appearance in "Favourite Wife" attains great hilarity and has a laughter-laden in addition to the quartette of the cast of "My Favourite Wife." Ann Shoemaker, Donald MacBride, Billie Bates and two highly talented children, Scotty Beckett and M. Harrington.

THE ATHENÆUM

Lee Tracy, whose versatility has made him a wide following among both comedy and drama, has a "Millionaires in Prison," to be presented Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Tracy depicts a long term convict who has become the unquestioned authority among the prisoners. More powerful than the warden himself, not a man among them would doubt his word. What happens sets out to rule the lives of wealthy men who have been sent to the institution, makes for the fascinating of this comedy-drama. Hayes, Raymond Walburn, Morley and Truman Bradley head the cast, which also includes Virginia Edwards, Paul Guilfoyle, Thurston and Chester Chute in important parts. Anne Shirley, in "Anne of the Winds," with James Ellison, Henry Patric Knowles, Slim Summerville, Beth Patterson, Louise Campbell, be screened.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday issue of "Top Hat," with Fred Ginger Rodgers, Edward Everett, Helen Broderick, Eric Rhodes, in the principal roles, will be remembered by cinema patrons, will remember picture made a great "hit" a ago.

THE SAVOY