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and Castletown schools again closed
down on the date of re-opening.

Deeply Regretted Death

The very sad and unexpected death of
Miss Kathleen O'Brien, Drewscourt—
while home from England for the
Christmas holidays—has caused a pro-
found shock throughout the whole dis-
trict. Deceased had been engaged in the
teaching profession for many years,
and with another sister, also a teacher,
had just made the first trip home since
the outbreak of war. Then, apparently
in her usual health, she took suddenly
ill a few days later, and passed away
despite everything the best skilled medi-
cal attention and care could do.

A Special Favourite

She was extremely well liked by
everybody with whom she came in con-
tact, and from her early schooldays
possessed an unusual grace and refine-
ment of manner that made her a
universal favourite. Of a naturally
bright and cheery disposition, she was
“good nature itself,” typically kind and
affectionate. Her early death has caused
a wave of sympathy all over the parish
and outside it, and deepest sympathy
has been extended to her brothers, sis-
ters, and family circle on the great loss
they have sustained.

Tribute From P.P.

Asking the prayers of the congregation
at Ballyagran Church for the repose of
her soul, Rev. P. McNamara, P.P., said
that on behalf of the people of the
parish he offered sincere condolences to
the O'Brien family. He had known the
deceased young lady for a long time
and could not speak too highly of her.
She had been engaged in the noblest
profession of all, and in consequence of
happenings occasioned by the war, had
in all probability, laid down her young
life in sacrifice of her calling, and so
earned her eternal reward. He sym-
pathised especially with her sister com-
panion—Miss Deborah O'Brien—who
would now have to return alone to carry
on the good work in which they both
had been engaged.

Impressive Funeral Tribute

The measure of esteem and regard
entertained for deceased and her family
circle were remarkably demonstrated by
the exceptionally large and representa-
tive attendance at the funeral, which
took place to Shandrum Cemetery,
following Requiem Mass at Ballyagran
Parish Church. Rev. P. McNamara, P.P.,
read the burial service, assisted by Rev.
P. Lyons, C.C., Colmanswell, and Rev.
M. Kelly, C.C., Askeaton. Very many
Mass cards, telegrams and letters of
sympathy were received.

G.A.A. Secretary Bereaved.

The death has taken place at his res-
idence, Coolagown, after a long illness,
of Mr. John Wallace, father of Mr. Sean
Wallace, Hon. Secretary, Castletown
Hurling Club, and of the Wallace
brothers, who are also members of the
club. An old Gael himself, the late Mr.
Wallace took a very keen interest in the
furtherance of the national pastimes,
and was a firm and staunch supporter of
all Gaelic games. Coming from an old
and highly respected stock, he was an
extremely popular figure and was highly
esteemed throughout the entire district,
where news of his death has been
learned with sincere regret. In condol-
ing with his wife and family sympathy
is particularly extended to his daughter,
resident in England, who, in the circum-
stances, was unable to travel home.

Interment at Castletown.

Following Requiem Mass at the Parish
Church, Ballyagran, the interment took
place at Castletown Cemetery. An ex-
tremely large and representative funeral
cortege bore ample testimony to the very
wide measure of popularity enjoyed by
the deceased in his own and the sur-
rounding districts. Many Gaels were
present, old and young, including a num-
ber of representatives of the old Aher-
low Rovers Football Club, of which the
deceased had been a member in his
earlier days. Rev. P. McNamara, P.P.,
with Rev. P. Lyons, C.C., read the
prayers at the graveside.

Late Mrs. K. Quinn.

are nobly responding to the call for the
production of foodstuffs and it is regret-
table to see gardens, some of which in
the past supplied vegetables to the
townspeople throughout the year, lying
idle growing weeds, whilst their rich
owners, deaf to the appeal of the nation,
are living in luxury indifferent to the
needs of their fellow creatures.

Favourite Walk to Go.

Killaloe's favourite walk from the
bridge between the waters to McGee's
Lough is about to be cut off. Engineers
and workmen are cutting a pass across
the canal bank at the mill to allow large
boats from the Shannon into the canal,
which will be in future utilised for
transport. The cutting away of the walk
is much regretted by the townspeople as
this was their favourite haunt during the
summer months.

Snowfall.

The snow fall on Tuesday last was a
welcome arrival as the intensely cold
weather during the last month had
numbed the populace.

“Black” Bread.

A batch of black bread placed on the
market early in the week met with a
brisk demand, either through curiosity
or because they believed the bread to be
improved by its sun-tanned complexion.
The public became eager purchasers. The
loaf offered for sale was not, however,
true blue, but only half-caste—a fifty-
fifty mixture. The experiment appears
to have been successful.

Scarcity of Potatoes.

There was a scarcity of potatoes at the
Killaloe market on Tuesday last. The
few bags offered found a ready sale at
7d. per stone.

KILMALLOCK NOTES

(From Our Correspondent).

The G.A.A.

The South Board annual convention
will be held at Hospital on next Sunday,
and the proceedings will be of great in-
terest in view of the fact that very im-
portant motions will come up for dis-
cussion. Three of the outgoing officers
are to be returned unopposed, viz.: Mr.
John A. Gearon, President; Mr. J. Fitzgerald,
Secretary; and Mr. M. J. McNamee, Treasurer.

Bruff Motions.

The Bruff H.C. will propose four
motions, the first of which deals with
the matter of “when two or more clubs
be equal in points in any division of the
League the issue to be fought out on the
knock-out system.” The second proposes
that in view of the increased cost and
difficulty of travelling, future meetings
of the Board be held in not more than
three central venues. The third proposes
that the system of voting by raising
hands be abolished and that voting be
carried out by roll call.

Ballingaddy H.C.

The Ballingaddy H.C. proposes that the
South Board affiliate senior hurling and
football clubs for 1941.

Kilmallock Proposals.

The Kilmallock senior hurling team
are making application to the Board to
be re-graded junior for this year. There
is also a motion from the same club—
“That all minor clubs, irrespective of
whether there are other clubs or teams
of the same grade or type in the parish,
who pay a separate affiliation fee of 5/-
be entitled to one representative at all
meetings and conventions of the South
Limerick Board.

Travelling Expenses.

The South Limerick Board proposes
that the old rate of expenses, viz., 10/-
for three miles and under, be reverted
to.

Petrol and Unemployment.

It would be hard to make even a guess
at the loss that the scarcity of petrol has
brought to the community. Its effect has
already been keenly felt through un-
employment in Kilmallock and district
where a vast amount of business has

been carried on an extensive busi-
ness in Church Street for many years.
Brother, the late Dr. Breen, died rec-
ently in London, where he had been pract-
ising for many years.

Red Cross Society.

Thirty-eight certificates of profici-
ency in first aid treatment were presented
by members of the local branch of the
Cross Society at the annual general meet-
ing on Monday night, by Right
Monsignor Hannon, P.P., V.G.,
congratulated the ladies on their suc-
cess. At the end of the meeting the recipi-
ents of the certificates made a suitable
presentation to their instructor, Dr. Ha-
O'Connor, M.O., to mark their appre-
ciation of her services. Accepting the
presentation, Dr. O'Connor returned sim-
ilar thanks, and said it had been a pleasure
to teach such a diligent, intelligent
and sympathetic class of girls. The
branch also elected officers for the ensuing
year.

The Town Commissioners have
asked by the County Commissione-
r to call the attention of the public to
the urgent need for conserving supplies
of butter. In view of the growing scar-
city of that commodity, householders
have been asked to assist in reducing
consumption by one-third of the normal
rations. The Commissioners have
also asked to help in securing the
cess of the increased tillage campa-
ign. In connection with the latter reques-
t, Commissioners have pointed out
during the coming season they hope
to be able to make provision for the ac-
quisition of close on 100 free tillage
implements to unemployed persons in
urban area.

The Public Weighbridge.

According to a return compiled by
Town Clerk (Mr. P. O'Mahony) re-
lating to the public weighbridge in the
Market Yard for the year ended 31st De-
cember last amounted to a total of £89
0d. Having provided for all expendi-
ture the concern left a net profit of £4 19s.
on the year's working. These figures
it is pointed out, do not take into account
receipts from the rent of sheds in
the yard, and which amount to a consider-
able sum each year. Attention is
directed to the fact that in recent
years large quantities of produce are
weighed outside the public lever,
the result that much revenue has
been lost to the town.

RATHKEALE NOTES

(From Our Correspondent).

Appeals.

At the request of the County
Commissioner, through the Local Emer-
gency Committee, appeals on the fol-
lowing points were made by the clergy at
Masses at Rathkeale on Sunday:

Butter Scarce.

That the consumption of butter be
reduced by one-third during the com-
ing months. Householders to try and
range to have dripping and fats as
substitutes. That general economy
and avoidance of waste be exercised in
use of all foodstuffs, especially
those that have to be imported from
abroad such as tea.

More Tillage Needed.

Farmers were earnestly urged to
increase their tillage this spring, espe-
cially for early potatoes and wheat. The
potatoes will be urgently required
to meet the shortage which it is
likely to occur in June or July. Occu-
pied persons who are not in a position to till
should immediately get in touch with the
Emergency Committee, who will arran-
ge to have the land let as in con-
nection with the people ready and willing to till it.

Serious Situation.

The general public is at last

E ITEMS

(From Our Correspondent).

ble weather conditions have been some-
what share of wheat sowing by the large