

HOSPITAL ECHOES

(From Our Correspondent.)

Red Cross Activities.

The enthusiasm of the people of the district in all matters pertaining to putting the country in a state of preparedness in view of a possible crisis has not abated any whit during the winter months. If anything, in fact, it has become keener, and the various organisations emerge from the winter season with the knowledge that the time since the advent of the long nights has been well and profitably spent. Mention has been made in this column before of the way in which the L.D.F. were spending the winter in their training quarters at the Courthouse. Not less important have been the activities of the local Red Cross Branch.

Home Nursing Lectures.

Many thought that the examination held in the autumn, at which all those presenting themselves received First Aid Certificates, would have terminated the work of the Branch. But this success only proved an incentive to further effort, and for the past couple of months we find the ladies of the district devoting Thursday nights to attending lectures and practical demonstrations on home nursing, a subject of engrossing interest and of the utmost practicability in normal times, as well as in time of emergency. The classes are in charge of a very capable and experienced trained nurse, Miss Eileen Smyth, daughter of Mr. John A. Smyth, Rathanny, and are free to all members. The proficiency of the ladies in this very important branch of knowledge will be tested at the end of this month when an examination for certificates will be held, and it is expected that practically all those attending the lectures will present themselves for the test. That the ladies of the town and district appreciate these facilities, which have afforded them a unique opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of this essential subject, is evident from the large attendances at the lectures and the interest displayed in the various demonstrations. The community of the Branch are to be congratulated on having provided a programme of such interest and utility for its members during the winter, and they have received the warmest praise from the Central Executive of the Red Cross Association for their manifold activities, and in this connection the able, courteous and painstaking hon. secretary, Miss Teresa M. Cleary, Medical Hall, Main Street, deserves a special word of merit for the manner in which

FOYNES AND DISTRICT

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Morning Train.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. P. Fitzsimons, Borigone, the Railway Co. is running a train out of Foynes at 7.50 a.m. It is on a month's trial. There are people outside Foynes who may not have heard it, so it is no harm to draw their attention to the matter. Anyone who has much business to transact in Limerick would be foolish not to avail of it. By getting up early Dublin can be reached at about 1 p.m. and any corner of Ireland before 10 p.m. Of course the company must be convinced that the people need this service, otherwise . . .

Flights in May.

We are looking forward to May and the transatlantic flights. It will put a stir in things, and give much needed employment. Of course, it will mean extra responsibility for the Gardai but thanks to the tact and the efficiency of Sergeant Deasy and his men everything goes smack smooth. I am glad to be able to say that the highest officials in these air services have written to the Commissioner in Dublin in appreciation of the great co-operation given them by Sergeant Deasy and staff.

Death.

Widespread sympathy was felt for Mr. John Madigan and his sisters, Margaret and Catherine, on the death of their mother, Mrs. Catherine Madigan, which took place at her residence, Ballynash, Shanagolden, on the 15th inst. Deceased had been seriously ill for a couple of months prior to her demise, but she bore it all in the spirit of Christian fortitude. On Sunday evening the remains were removed to Shanagolden Church and at noon the next day the funeral, which was of large proportions, took place to the family burial ground, Knockpatrick. The officiating clergy were Very Rev. Canon Rea, P.P., V.F., and Rev. Father O'Byrne, C.C., do.

Meeting of Unemployed.

There was a large meeting of the unemployed held in Foynes Hall last Sunday. Letters were received from the T.D.s regretting their inability to attend owing to previous engagements. Many matters were raised. It was maintained that men should get a full week's work on relief schemes and not a bare few days, that they should not have to wait three weeks for payment but that it should be prompt. Unemployed men are asked to pay 50/- for bog banks. They suggested that the Government should fix the price at about 10/-. The question arose as to the number of men who got work during the

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National Festival.

Newcastle West Festival with tradition and piety. A record Communion at the festival there was also a record at last Mass when C.C., speaking in an eloquent sermon on the significance of the Father O'Grady Benediction of the festival which followed, at the parish church.

Sporting and Social.

Owing to the parade, which was a bank holiday was most uneventful town. A big number travelled to the festival the residents given the first opportunity of weather condition St. Patrick's Night enjoyable dance in the Hall under the G.A.A. and medals members of the hurling teams.

Plots Handed Over.

During the week formally handed over approved unemployed in urban area and for the supply of manures and in the plots are where a holding ago, and the road located in the of mahon road. The immediately started and a considerable preliminary work week. In all distributed.

Emergency Hospital.

The Board of the request of for the use of wings in the Co. emergency hospital crisis. Should understood that will be made a and treatment the Force. What that such a con