

HOSPITAL ECHOES

(From Our Correspondent.)

Successful Dance.

Undeterred by the possible detrimental effects on social events occasioned by the petrol shortage, the local Lawn Tennis Club have decided to hold as far as possible their usual series of seasonal Underella dances, and have had a fairly auspicious start off in their success of St. Patrick's Night. True, there was a considerable decline in the attendance, owing to the non-availability of private motor cars, but the function, nevertheless, attracted a surprisingly large number of young people and the Hall was well filled long before midnight. With the crowd in a gay, holiday mood, and with adequate floor-space for comfortable and enjoyable dancing, together with the stirring strains of Miss O'Carroll's augmented orchestra, the event proved to be one of the most enjoyable of its kind ever held here.

Drama in Herbertstown.

The Herbertstown Dramatic Club scored an unqualified success in the Parochial Hall on St. Patrick's Eve when they produced the ever-green and popular Irish drama, "The Colleen Bawn." Long before the first curtain lifted the building was filled to capacity and the large audience manifested frequently their enjoyment of the dramatic version of Gerald Griffin's well-known novel, "The Collegians."

The Harrier Club.

My apologies to the members of the local Harrier Club, of which I was an enthusiastic member in my pre-nuptial days, for my apparent negligence in this column of their activities. In existence for almost seventy years, it would be difficult to find a more enthusiastic group of sport-lovers. From the oldest member, octogenarian John Kennedy, still hale and hearty and fond as ever of the sport, down to the most recent youthful adherents, the members of the Club are characterised by a mutual love of the open country and a fondness for the sport which the passing years seem to increase rather than diminish. Ten o'clock on Sunday mornings during the hunting season finds them at the rallying place, a few on horseback, the majority on foot, equipped with good, strong sticks.

As a Matter of Course.

A tramp of 20 or 30 miles across country, punctuated by spells of hard running when the beagles begin to give tongue, is taken as a matter of course. Returning home in the late afternoon, hungry and physically weary, but mentally refreshed and invigorated, the adventures of the day form an interesting saga for the luxurious rest around the fire at night. It is no wonder that most of the followers have succeeded in preserving the streamlined proportions of youth and the freshness of colour which the open air imparts.

CHARLEVILLE NOTES

(From Our Correspondent.)

Death of Nun.

The death took place recently at the Convent of Mercy, Clonakilty, of Mother M. Josephine (Binchy), at the mature age of 91 years. The deceased was a member of a well-known North Cork family and a native of Charleville. She joined the Mercy Order over 70 years ago at Clonakilty, and was later attached to the teaching staff.

Ability and Brilliancy.

She subsequently took charge of the schools there and brought the standard of education up to a high level as the pupils under her guidance had the benefit of her conspicuous ability and brilliancy, which is inherent in the members of the Binchy family. She was an aunt of Mr. Owen Binchy, solicitor, a popular and able member of the legal profession in his native town, as well as of Mr. Owen S. Binchy, merchant, Mr. J. A. Binchy, solicitor, Clonmel; Mr. Joseph Binchy, P.C., Rathkeale, and Mr. Owen Bourke, Kanturk.

Diamond Jubilee.

The late Mother Josephine celebrated her diamond jubilee some years ago. This was an occasion of much joy to the other members of the Community, of which she was such a revered and saintly figure.

The obsequies took place at the Mercy Convent, Clonakilty, following the celebration of Requiem Mass. There was a large attendance of clergy and laity at the funeral.

Late Mr. J. O'Riordan.

The death also took place last week at Laragh, Milford, of Mr. John O'Riordan, a well-known and highly popular local farmer. The deceased was for many years connected with the local creamery in the capacity of director. He was a relative of the late Monsignor O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College in Rome, and father of Sister M. Paul, North Presentation Convent, Cork; uncle of Supt. Ed. O'Riordan, who is in charge of the Blarney Gardai district.

Bank Manager's Death.

The death of Mr. John Smith-Fraser, late Manager of the Mitchelstown branch of the National Bank, which took place at Mitchelstown on Monday, will be much regretted in Irish bank circles, as well as by the public in the various centres in which he served, during his connection with the bank. The late Mr. Fraser acted as manager of the local branch many years ago and during his term in Charleville he was held in high esteem by all sections. His death will be much regretted by the staffs who served under him and sympathy will be extended to his relatives in their bereavement.

Collision.

On Monday morning a collision took place at the junction of Broad Street cross and Baker's Lane, between a Ford

NEWCASTLE

JOTTINGS

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Dairy Inspector.

At the monthly meeting of Management Committee of Management C.A. and D.S., Ltd., Kilcreegan, Dungeha, Newcastle, Mr. Cregan, Dungeha, Newcastle, tendered his resignation as the Society on his appointment as Produce Inspector. Mr. Cregan, Dungeha, Newcastle, was the Committee and Manager (Mr. Lynch) for the court during the seven years of their sub-manager.

High Appreciation.

The Committee, in appreciation of Mr. Cregan's resignation, expressed their high appreciation and paid tribute to the service he had given with them. They were his promotion to the position of inspector, a position well worthy to fill, and wish success. They also presented with a cheque for a sum as a further token of appreciation.

Struggle For Freedom.

Mr. Cregan is a son of the late Mr. Michael Cregan, Newcastle West, a family prominently identified with the struggle for freedom. Mr. Ned Cregan, a member of the Board of Health clerical Limerick All-Ireland hurling, serving with the Deerpark Barracks. Another Lieutenant Michael Cregan, member of the armed forces.

Vacancies Filled.

The vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Cregan, who will be his new appointment, was also filled by the Management Committee at their meeting. Mr. P. Ballagh, was appointed as sub-manager, while Mr. Corcoran, Milford Co-Operative was appointed assistant manager of the Kanturk Creamery, on extensive concerns of its district of Ireland.

Fuel Supply.

Under the scheme of the Government during the war, the Commissioners will have turf banks, so as to a fuel to the community sent emergency. The scheme should help to find a practical solution to a problem.