

was a combination of duty and industry.

### Potatoes.

Farmers and cottiers alike are very busy putting in the last of the potato crop for this season. The weather is now offering a chance that has not hitherto come the way, and it is hoped that it will be availed of to the full.

### Tillage Inspection.

A tillage inspector has been in the vicinity of this town and has made some calls and taken some trouble to ascertain if the farmers have gone into the requirements of the tillage order as they should have done. The work seems to be well in hand and every one will be glad of the effort later on.

## OBITUARY

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### MR. M. J. MOLONEY, WEST END, ABBEYFEALE.

The death of Mr. Michael J. Moloney, of the West End, Abbeyfeale, occurred after an illness of some weeks at the fine old age of 96, and removes from the town a well-known and highly respected resident whose affable and cheery courtesy at all times, in his intercourse with the public, will be missed, even outside Limerick and Kerry, where he was so well and creditably known. A leading merchant, whose extensive hardware, provision, hotel and general trading business kept step with progress and development of the town from the early 70's of the last century, and whose efforts at all times aimed at its improvement ranked him as its leading citizen for many years. Generous, broad-minded and possessed of sound judgment in the direction of public affairs and strict probity in the conduct of an extensive trade he was highly esteemed by all classes throughout his long and honourable life. Almost 70 years ago, he helped, unassisted, to restore the local butter market, then the forerunner of the more important fairs and markets subsequently established and since then never failed to give a helping hand to every local and public enterprise that advanced the public good. It is not forgotten that in the great Land League fight of the old days he sheltered fourteen families on his farm at Kilconlea.

An outstanding phase of his long life was his strict observance of the practice of his religious beliefs, for his daily reception of Holy Communion for at least sixty years was not only an example to those amongst whom he lived, but constitutes an enviable record for a layman.

Many expressions of condolence have been tendered to the Rev. John Moloney, P.P., Parteen, and Reverend Mother Mary Madeline, of the Mercy Convent, Newcastle West and the other members of his respected family on the death of their generally regretted parent. The attendance of the general pub-

lication of solidarity and comfort about these buildings that cannot fail to impress even the most casual observer. These houses are a boon and a blessing to the place and it is to be hoped that the experiment will be repeated in a larger and more extended scale later on.

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### Supply of Books.

On Thursday of last week Mr. Madden, assistant county librarian, visited Athea with a fresh supply of books for the local library. It is over six months now since the van visited Athea, but this was entirely due to the petrol shortage. As Mr. Madden had several other centres to visit the books which he brought for Athea were already selected. This selection has given complete satisfaction, for in the 350 volumes which it comprises, everybody's taste is catered for. The reading public of the district wish to thank Mr. Doyle and Mr. Madden for a very excellent consignment of books.

### Death of Ex-N.T.

Her many friends will learn with deep regret the death of Mrs. E. O'Brien, ex-N.T., which occurred at her residence on the afternoon of the 6th inst. The deceased lady taught for many years in Clash National School, where she was esteemed and respected by both pupils and people alike. Indeed, it can be taken for granted that her passing will be regretted by none more sincerely than by her past pupils, whether at home or abroad. It is only a few years since she retired on pension after a long and creditable career as a teacher. Quiet and unobtrusive in her manner and with a mind always imbued with a deep religious fervour, she had ever a lively sense of her spiritual and material obligations. The sincere sympathy of the public is extended to the relatives and friends of the deceased lady, especially to her son, Lieut. Owen O'Brien.

### Gaelic League Concert.

On Sunday evening a Gaelic League concert was held in Kelly's Hall. It attracted an extremely large and appreciative audience. The different items were applauded to the fullest extent, while the dancing also evoked considerable enthusiasm. The exhibition of step-dancing given by Mr. P. J. Wynne, champion step-dancer of Australia, was something in the nature of a revelation. Mr. Wynne, who is a native of Killflyn, Co. Kerry, is certainly a wonderful exponent of Irish step-dancing.

Michael, Hannah and Michael Walsh, the Staff of the West End; John and Julia Moloney, David Shanahan, Bridget J. Horgan, M. Curtin, A. McCarthy, L. Hayes, K. Hayes, M. Fitzgerald, Co. Home, Newcastle West; Teresa O'Driscoll, Rev. E. McCarthy, C.C., St. Munchin's; Michael and Mrs. Moore, Patrick Flynn and family, Islandanny; Peggy Doherty, Hannah Ambrose, Lizzie and Katie

resignation. During those years he dealt with a very large volume of business—no less than £3,000 has gone from this Branch to headquarters. There were good years at the docks when the wages passing through the committee's hands were reckoned by the thousands of pounds. All this entailed great work and responsibility for the secretary, who always performed his duties punctually, carefully and correctly. The new secretary is Mr. P. O'Connell, who has much experience of office work, having spent years as a clerk in the B.P. Co.

### Looking For Grant.

The Branch decided upon looking to headquarters for a grant of £100 towards the Foynes Branch of Muintir na Tre to relieve unemployment. Considering that they have paid in so much and never got anything back, because strikes were religiously avoided, it is not too much to expect that a small sum like this should be made available to meet the present exigency.

### Whist Drive.

A very enjoyable whist drive was held on Sunday night at Shanagolden under the auspices of the L.S.F. and L.D.F. The hall was full, the crowd were in the best of form, and the catering was excellent. Mr. D. Mangan was very capable as M.C.

### The Winners.

The winning ladies were Dr. Agnes Nolan, Miss O'Donovan, Grouse Lodge, and Mrs. McCarthy, Moig. The successful players among the gentlemen were Mr. D. Kelly, Ballyneety; Mr. D. Meaney, Shanagolden, and Mr. T. Fitzsimons, Borrigone. Miss Fitzgerald, N.T., Foynes, and Mr. James Cregan, Knockgowrah, won the consolation prizes.

## DROMCOLLOGHER GOSSIP

(From Our Correspondent).

### Town Plots.

Tillage operations on the plots secured by a number of the townspeople have now been completed and should help to prevent at least in some manner any threatened shortage in the potato crop. A serious situation arose in connection with the allotments given to unemployed since at the last moment it was ascertained that neither seeds nor manure were available. The generous and public spirited action of Lord Muskerry in giving a considerable portion of seed free to the plot-holders is to be much appreciated and enables the scheme to be put into operation at least on a limited scale.

### Gaelic Affairs.

On Sunday last the local G.A.A. Club held their annual collection, which was responded to in the usual generous manner. Things are now taking shape and preparations are being made for the forthcoming championship game with Feenagh, which is expected to be held at