

Retail Prices.

The following are current retail prices for foodstuffs at Rathkeale: cur, 2/11 per stone; creamery butter, 1/7 per lb.; home-made butter, 1/5 per lb.; bread, 6d. per loaf; margarine, 8d. to 1/- per lb.; lard, 9d. per lb.; eggs, 1/10 per dozen; beef, 1/4 to 1/6 per lb.; mutton, 1/4 per lb.; milk, 2d. per pint; potatoes, 1/6 per stone. At the local market on Tuesday 14/- a pair was paid for chickens.

MITCHELSTOWN NOTES

(From Our Correspondent).

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The North Cork Junior Hurling Championship will open for the local hurlers on Sunday next at Fermoy Gaelic Grounds, where they are out against Kilworth in the first round tie. Kilworth have trained hard for the contest and goes without saying that it will be a hard fought game. Mitchelstown have a good balanced fifteen, with a blend of youth and age and will take some beating this season. We wish them very success on their first outing on Sunday and in their future engagements.

Prayers for Peace.

Sunday was observed as a day of special devotion for a just and lasting peace for the world. After Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. James O'Keeffe, C.C., the Blessed Sacrament was exposed in the High Altar until after the evening devotions. Members of the Children of Mary kept hourly vigil and hundreds of people visited the church during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Men's Confraternity in the evening brought the devotions to a close with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament given by Rev. James O'Keeffe, C.C. The decoration of the Altar was a credit to everybody who supplied such beautiful flowers and particularly to the Sisters of the local Presentation convent in charge of the altar.

Pig Market and Fair.

The monthly pig market and monthly cattle and sheep fair will be held on Wednesday and Friday next, 21st and 23rd May, respectively, as may be seen from our advertising columns in this issue. Usual supplies are assured and all in search of good store cattle can

tion. The rifles were handed out by Capt. Liam Fraher, Limerick Area Officer, assisted by Lieut. Cavanagh, D.A.O. J. Murray, District Quarter-Master Master Jack Farrell and Group Leader Jack Neville. The event was perhaps a historic one and awe-inspiring to see the men march home with their rifles, bandoliers and capes. It certainly presented a warlike appearance and should inspire confidence in the civil population.

Blood Tests.

At the moment Dr. D. Costello is very busy taking blood tests from a number of volunteers. It is very gratifying to see such a large number of men from all classes of the community volunteering for those tests so as to be able to give transfusions if and when required. The Gardai, L.D.F. in large numbers and the civil population were amongst those who volunteered.

Refresher Course.

A number of the L.D.F., L.S.F. and Red Cross are undergoing a refresher course in first aid. Mrs. Reidy is in charge of the men's section, L.D.F., L.S.F. and Red Cross and is getting each man to do some practical work in bandaging, etc. Nurse O'Loughlan is in charge of the ladies and is carrying out similar work.

Great Credit Due.

Great credit is due to Mrs. Reidy and Nurse O'Loughlan for consenting to perform this arduous work. It is certainly most inconvenient for the former to come away from her children to lecture, etc., and great thanks is due to her. On the other hand the men are very fortunate to have such an able instructress. She has been assisting Dr. Costelloe in lectures all the winter without a thought of any remuneration, but then Mrs. Reidy is ready to assist in any sphere. She has helped in running and organising nearly every function in this area for the past twelve months.

Recent Deaths

The death occurred at the County Hospital, Croom, on May 14th, of Elizabeth Kennedy, daughter of Thomas and Mrs. Kennedy, Curragh Bridge, Adare, at the early age of 15 years. Sympathy is extended to her parents in their bereavement. The death has also occurred of Mrs. John Griffin, at her residence, Killockan, Adare. A full account appears in obituary column.

GLIN ITEMS

a letter from the Department with reference to the removal of sheds in front of the new houses Connolly Terrace.

Mr. McAuliffe said the letter had been referred to the Law Adviser for a report, which would come before a future meeting.

Peat Production.

All available labour in the town and district is now engaged in the production of peat. Most of the men are being employed under the Council scheme and during the week men and youths registered with the Labour Exchange were notified that their services would be required on the bogs. A large number of private individuals are also engaged in cutting and saving turf for their own requirements and full advantage is being taken of the present ideal weather conditions. There seems to be little fear of a shortage of fuel in the district during the coming winter.

Position of Poor.

So far, however, there would appear to have been no provision made for the many poor people who are unable to make arrangements for producing their own needs. It has been stated that all the turf being produced under the Council scheme will be required for the different institutions in the county and that none will be available for people in the town. At such an event many poor people would be compelled to buy small quantities from week to week at a price that is very likely to become prohibitive. It has been generally agreed that some provision should be made for such people but up to the present nothing appears to have been done in this direction.

Prayers for Peace.

Special prayers for peace were offered at the Parish Church on Sunday. At the conclusion of Mass the Blessed Sacrament was exposed by Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G., and the position was continued until evening when Holy Hour was observed. Throughout the day large numbers of people visited the church to assist in the special prayers, which the children were also encouraged to join by particular request.

School Meals.

Widespread approval has been voiced at the decision of the Town Commissioners to introduce a scheme of free school meals for children of poor parents. General satisfaction is also expressed at the proposal to initiate a second scholarship scheme for the coming year. In both cases, it is pointed out, the charge on the rates will be very nominal and it is evident that the expenditure involved will be more than justified by the good results likely to follow. Both