

FOYNES AND DISTRICT

(From Our Correspondent).

Principal Teacher.

B. O'Shea, N.T., son of Mr. Shea, former stationmaster in Limerick and Killarney prior to his appointment as chief clerk of the post office at Limerick, has taken up the post as principal at Borrignone in lieu of Mr. J. Coleman, who has gone to Garrydoolis N.S., Pallas. Mr. O'Shea is fortunate in occupying such a splendid post as the results have proven themselves exceptionally clever over a period of years at such examinations as that of the most office learners and writing assistants. It must be the lime-light that is producing the little stars!

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Officers.

Mr. Kelly, Customs and Excise Officer, will be on the road to Malin by the time this appears. A capable and conscientious officer, occupying thus the key to success. In Malin there will be two Customs and Excise officers here instead of one. After two years in our midst at Malin Mallon, wireless operator, has been transferred to Malin Head Post Office Station.

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Tennis Court.

The Shannon Airport Social Club has provided themselves with a tennis court—a felt need—a tennis court. The location is ideal—under the fresh shade of lordly oak and gleaming chestnut. In this warm weather it is well to be fanned by the Shannon breezes. Mr. Leech, new secretary, has been very busy of late—now that the court has been completed he has one job less.

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Next Week.

Next Sunday fortnight in Foynes Robertstown a week's Retreat will commence for the people at the end of the parish. Shanahan is the third member in this retreat parish. The Retreat is to be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers, who are very popular with the people. If a Redemptorist fails to get under a man's hide, well the man is tough. Foynes Church is

ATHEA NOTES

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Recent Death.

His many friends and relatives, both at home and abroad, will learn with extreme regret of the death of Mr. William Ahern, of Kyle, Dirreen. This sad event, which occurred during the week-end, has cast a gloom over the entire district, where the deceased was always sincerely esteemed and respected by young and old alike. He was a member of an old and highly respected Athea family, and was a cousin of the late brothers Ahern, the famous athletes of a few decades back. All his life he was remarkable for his kindly, mild mannered disposition, and it can be truly said of him that he never made an enemy.

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Esteemed By All.

He never wished anybody ill, and was ever ready to do a neighbourly act. Gentle and unassuming in his disposition and industrious by nature, his whole life was one long sequence of honest toil and endeavour. In his own native district, where he was esteemed and loved by all, the memory of this honest and upright man will long remain green. To his bereaved wife and relatives the deep sympathy of the public is extended, for the loss which they have sustained.

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Welcome Rain.

The rain which fell on the afternoon of Saturday and again on last Sunday was heartily welcomed by the farmers of the district. For the first time this year, something in the nature of genuine growth has set in. Potato stalks, which had been more or less damaged by the sharp frost which set in earlier in the week, are now erect again, while grass corn has undergone a complete change for the better. Indeed, the improvement in wheat, as the result of the light rainfall, is so pronounced as to be almost incredible.

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Turnips and Mangles.

Naturally, cabbages have benefited immensely by the fall, but perhaps the greatest good which the

BALLYAGRAN NOTES

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Castletown Group L.D.F.

Officers and men of the Group are at the moment undergoing a week's intensive training under the Drill Instructor, Sergeant J. Keogh. The N.C.O. attends at Ballyagran and at Castletown on alternate nights. A number of men in the Group have recently been entrusted with rifles, ammunition and other equipment. The arms were handed over by Captain Liam Fraher, Limerick Area Officer.

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Local Shooting Competition.

Rev. P. Lyons, C.C., Colmanswell, who takes a keen interest in all L.D.F. activities in the district, has promoted an interesting shooting competition confined to members of the local Group, and has generously presented a valuable gold and silver medal for the winner and runner-up, respectively. The men are highly appreciative of such a sporting gesture and are sincerely grateful to Father Lyons for his handsome presentation.

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Elimination Contests.

The opening round of the competition was arranged by way of an elimination contest—a certain qualifying standard having been laid down to secure entry for the competition proper. As a result of this contest, thirty members qualified. These have been divided into three groups of ten each, the winners in each group to take part in the final round, which will be decided during this week.

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Keen Rivalry.

The competition has produced a keen and healthy rivalry amongst the various participants, and the closing stages tend to be very close and interesting. There are some very good marksmen in the Group which by the way secured second place in the District Shield competition held at Adare some time ago, and it is almost certain that a very high standard will be set up by the winners.

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Local Emergency Committee.