

FOYNES AND DISTRICT

(From Our Correspondent).

Regatta.

It was decided at a recent meeting not to hold any regatta this year. Many outsiders come regularly to Foynes on Regatta Day, and, naturally, they will regret this decision. Of course it was the rains that made past events here successful, but excursions are an utter impossibility now. In past years there were always a few curious motor yachts anchored in the harbour; this year there was none. Motor boats would hardly turn up in great numbers to a regatta owing to the petrol problem. Perhaps it is just as wise to let the event drop this season. After all the Committee had set a very high standard which could hardly be maintained with transport at a stand-still, practically.

Mr. Sean Dempsey.

Mr. Sean Dempsey, who is an engineer in the British Overseas Airways Corporation, has come to Foynes. He is better known for his broadcasts from Radio Eireann on the pipes. Already he has become very well known and has kindly consented to play a selection of airs at the G.A.A. dance next Sunday night. Mr. Dempsey is married to a niece of Major Mayo, the inventor of the Mayo Composite Aircraft, which we had the pleasure of seeing.

Legion of Mary.

The Shanagolden praesidium of the Legion of Mary went to Ballyunion this year for their outing. August the 15th was a delightful day and that is something worth having of late. This branch is doing great work, selling over sixty papers each week. They surely deserved fine weather for their holiday because it is no easy matter to keep sales going week after week and year after year.

Borrigone Well.

As usual there was a large gathering of pilgrims at Borrigone Holy Well on the 15th of August. The westerners have great faith in the devotions carried out there that day. Tradition has it that the well was originally in Dysart, but that one night a hundred years ago it severed its connection

GLIN ITEMS

(From Our Correspondent).

Late Mr. P. Madden.

The death of Mr. Patrick Madden, N.T., Kilcornan, is much regretted in Glin, where he was popularly known and was a constant visitor. Deepest sympathy is felt with his wife, sons and daughters and sisters at Foynes. He was brother of Miss Madden, ex-Principal N.T., Foynes, and cousin of Senator D. J. Madden, Rathkeale.

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Regretted Death.

Glin people tender their deepest sympathy to Mrs. O'Brien-Hogan, Ballingarry, on the early death of her husband, Mr. Michael Hogan. Mrs. Hogan is daughter of Mr. E. O'Brien, P.C., Ballingarry, and of a Glin lady, Mrs. Josephine Styles-O'Brien, and niece of Rev. Father O'Brien, P.P., Castlemahon, a former revered curate at Glin, and niece of Mr. Patrick Costelloe, Glin.

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To Save Harvest.

Prayers for fine weather to save the harvest have been requested at Glin Parish Church by Very Rev. Canon O'Carroll, P.P. The hay crop on many farms is still unsaved in the Glin district.

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Red Cross Active.

At a meeting of Glin Red Cross Branch, Rev. Father McCarthy, C.C., president, presided. Amongst those present were the Knight of Glin, Madame Fitzgerald (member of the County Branch), Miss Jennie Moore, secretary, Glin Red Cross Branch. County Medical Director Liddy, County Divisional Director Whitehead, Mr. G. J. O'Reilly, County Secretary. Lime-lick, also attended for the purpose of forming a V.A.D. at Glin. Several young ladies were enrolled as members of the V.A.D. Speakers explained fully the necessity for first aid classes and home nursing in every locality so that if an emergency arose they would be prepared to meet it.

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Certificates Presented.

During the meeting, Madame Fitzgerald, Glin Castle, presented Miss J. Moore (secretary), Miss Margaret Bicknell, Miss M. Moore, Miss L. Walshe, Miss P. Stack, Miss

ATHEA NOTE

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Hay Crop.

The prolonged spell of extreme bad weather has resulted in injury to a considerable portion of the hay crop throughout the district. The hay in many places which was cut down from the 1st to the 8th inst. has been so damaged as to render it not worth the trouble of removing. The weather conditions during the present month are more like those that usually prevail towards the end of October, rather than the kind we are accustomed to associate with August. Although the loss which farmers have suffered in this respect is enormous, it is altogether exceeded by that which they have suffered through the destruction of their corn. Wheat has, to a certain extent, withstood the effects of such rainstorms, but in nearly every district it appears that both wheat and barley have been practically destroyed. People of vision are endeavouring to evade or mitigate the extreme gravity of the situation thus created, as they realize that this country will experience crucial times before the hedgerow blossom and the grass is cut again.

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Wanton Act.

During the night of the 15th a belt was taken off a stone crusher, the property of the Rathfriland County Council, at Rathfriland Quarry, near Dirreen. This machine, which is now irreplaceable under war conditions, is valued at £20. It cannot be used for any other machine save a three-tonner. The loss has brought stone-crushing operations to a stand-still, causing considerable unemployment in the district. Local opinion is divided as to whether the theft may be regarded as a simple theft or a deliberate act of sabotage. Meanwhile there is much activity in the locality, and investigations are being pursued with vigour that definite results are expected very soon.

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Work Suspended.

One serious effect of the prolonged spell of bad weather is the suspension of all work