

here was a big gathering at Ballyhahill on Sunday for the much-looked-for clash between Ballyhahill and Foynes in the semi-final of the West Limerick Junior Football Championship. Ballyhahill proved much too good for their neighbours from the Shannonside and were easy winners on the score of 2-5 to 0-2 for Foynes. The field was in a rather heavy condition and good football was out of the question. O'Keefe and Taylor were outstanding for the winners, while Naughton and Hartney were best for Foynes. Mr. J. Colbert, Abbeydale, refereed.

Recruiting Campaign.

Much local interest was attracted by the Army demonstration van which visited the town on Monday in conjunction with the national recruiting campaign for the Defence Forces. The display was intended to arouse public interest and help to encourage young men to join up in the forces during the present emergency. Subsequent inquiries revealed that while a number of recruits were received the numbers did not come up to that expected for such an important centre.

Road Improvement.

Work was commenced during the week on the much-needed improvement to the road surface at the entrance to the new houses in Conolly Terrace. The condition of the road at this point has been the subject of frequent complaints since the houses were completed some few years ago. It is also proposed to have the new terrace declared a public road for the purpose of repair and maintenance. The County Council need have no qualms over their action in this respect, as the street is a concreted one and the cost of maintenance will be next to nil.

Esteemed Figure.

West Limerick has lost one of its most esteemed personalities in the passing of Mr. Daniel Mulcahy, Ballintubber, Newcastle West. An extensive and progressive farmer, deceased was one of the most prominent members of the Kantoher Co-Operative Dairy Society, one of the leading concerns of its kind in the South of Ireland. He was a sterling Nationalist of the old school and was also well known throughout the country as a breeder and trainer of first-class greyhounds. Two sons of the late Mr. Mulcahy are in the priesthood—Rev. James Mulcahy and Rev. Jeremiah Mulcahy, both of San Francisco, U.S.A. He was an uncle of Rev. Father Kirby, C.C., Croom.

up to the standard of quality of the exhibits of previous years. Most of the animals, however, were of fairly good class and there was a good clearance, upwards of thirty calves being sold. Prices for best quality beasts ranged from £10 to £16, and for second quality, from £6 to £10.

Death of Young Married Woman.

There was much sympathy and commiseration in the district for Mr. Jim Kirby, Emly Road, on the sad death of his young wife, which took place recently. Married only since last Shrovetide, they had been a very united couple, until tragedy, in the form of a sudden illness, intervened. The stricken woman was taken to the Co. Infirmary, Limerick, where she was operated on immediately. She succumbed, however, soon after the operation. Her sudden and early demise was deeply regretted in the parish, where she was held in the highest esteem and popularity. There was a large attendance at the funeral, which took place to her native place, Croom. R.I.P.

Death of Irish Priest in America.

The death occurred recently of Rev. Father John Butler, Pastor, St. Agnes's Church, San Francisco, brother of Mrs. Fitzsimon, Knocklong, and of Mr. James Butler, ex-N.T., Sheahan's Cross. Deceased priest was a native of Shronevell and belonged to a highly respected family, several members of which embraced the religious life. Another brother, Father Wm. Butler, died four years ago in San Francisco, having spent many years labouring in God's service on the Pacific Coast. Two of his sisters are nuns, one in Ireland, Sister Margaret Mary, in Carrick-on-Suir Convent, the other, Sister M. Patritius, in San Francisco. The same diocese also claims a nephew of his, Father Michael Fitzsimon, who in his student days was a prominent member of our senior hurling team here. An aunt, Sister Malachy, Kinsale, makes up three generations and completes a sextette of relatives in the religious life.

Herculean Work.

The late Father John Butler received his early education in Stonehall N.S., and in the Christian Brothers' School, Tipperary, after which he went to Thurles College to study for the priesthood, choosing San Francisco for his mission. There in the far Western States of America he did herculean work for the Church and for religion. Whether as a preacher of the Word or as organiser, or as patron and

man of 200 acres of land have family, and surely they were more entitled to their father's land than an outsider. Then, again, why kill legitimate ambition of a farmer to improve his position by allowing all other members of society to exploit their war ability for personal gain, of the detriment of society as a whole. Now, sir, I am not personally interested in big farmers out of their utility to the industry, but only a few acres less than 40 acres to live on myself, but no reason why a farmer should be curbed, crippled and confined, while all the other members of society are applauded for extending their trading. Then, again, sir, your suggestion would be in direct contradiction to the principles of the right and Parnell programme of 50 or 60 years ago. A leading object of their programme was freedom and how could there be freedom if only poor people were allowed to be competitors for the farm of 50 acres who from any cause should lose or portion of his holding? English, in days gone by, a not so drastic as your suggestion introduced, without compulsion of any kind, the distribution of land to smallholders, and shrewdly at that time judged that such a policy by England was to create a class of smallholders whose numbers would feed the British Army and soldiers for fighting purposes. In conclusion, sir, treat farmers as you would any other in business, and to the man who improves his position give the degree of merit.—Yours truly,

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[Mr. Fahey would seem to have got a rather mixed-up and what erroneous impression of what we wrote. He quotes an instance, as saying that "a man should possess more than 50 acres of land." Our actual words were "It is quite clear that five families settled on 50 acres each are a greater asset to a country than one family on 200 acres could be." There is a wide difference between the two statements. Fahey's other comments have no relevance to the main case in what we wrote. They put no answer points we did not raise and, therefore, we are not concerned with them.—Ed., L.L.]

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