

BALLYAGRAN NOTES

(From Our Correspondent).

Successful Concert.

Sponsored under the patronage of the L.D.F. and L.S.F. local Groups, a highly enjoyable concert and variety programme was staged at the Hall, Ballyagran, on Sunday night, 7th inst., in presence of an overflow audience. Earlier in the day a special matinee performance attracted a large gathering of children and parents. Stewarding and general arrangements were very capably handled by officers and men of the L.D.F., under Group Leader John Watson. D.A.O. Murray, Adare, was an efficient stage manager and M.C. The proceeds go to the local Schools Fund.

Talented Artistes.

In addition to some splendid local talent, a number of artistes from Limerick City, as well as from Ballingarry, Adare and Feenagh, made an excellent contribution to a very attractive programme. The city artistes were:—Miss P. Fielding, Miss E. Mooney and Miss O'Halloran (songs and dances), Master P. Fielding (accordeon solos) and Messrs. P. O'Halloran and J. Blackmore (comedy items). The Ballingarry artistes—Misses Lane and Quaid—contributed solos and duets, while Mr. Morrissey gave musical selections on the accordeon. Rev. Father O'Dea, C.C., Feenagh, received a great ovation on his fine rendering of some well-chosen vocal items, while the contribution of the local artistes—Messrs. D. Clifford, M. Griffin, J. Cooney, J. Quinlivan, P. O'Gorman and D. Hartnett—won universal favour.

Comedy Sketch.

One of the "tit-bits" of the evening was the production of a delightful comedy sketch by the local players, who are fast making a name for themselves. The different characters were excellently portrayed and the manner in which their efforts were appreciated by the audience was perhaps the most fitting tribute that could be paid to those taking part, namely:—Miss Peg Crean (Macroom), Messrs. P. J. Lyons, D. Clifford, J. Cooney, M. Griffin and D. Madigan. Messrs. Clifford, Griffin and Cooney were, in addition, seen to advantage in the musical sketch, "The Croppy Boy," while Messrs. Clifford and Cooney also contributed as a duet an adaptation of "The Ould Side Car."

Audience Thanked.

At the close of the entertainment, Rev. P. Lyons, C.C., thanked the audience for their patronage, as well as for the appreciative manner in which each individual item presented had been received. A special word of thanks was due to the visiting artistes, who had travelled at considerable inconvenience, and who had done so much in contributing to the great success of the entertainment. In thanking the officers and men of the L.D.F., he recommended further support for that body, as well as the various allied services—L.S.F., First Aid etc. D.A.O. Murray, M.C., also returned thanks and appealed for more support for the L.D.F.

Drewscourt Coursing Club.

Mr. T. Watson, P.C., vice-chairman, presided at a meeting of Drewscourt United Coursing Club, held at the Hall, Ballyagran, on Thursday night of last week. The attendance included Rev. P. Lyons, C.C.; Messrs. M. McMahon, J. Irwin, W. Walsh, W. Madigan, M.

HOSPITAL ECHOES

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Sad Fatality.

Tragedy cast its pall of gloom and sorrow in the Herbertstown district, when Mr. John Russell, aged sixty, a native of Raleighstown, met his death under the most distressing circumstances. An employee of the Herbertstown Parish Council, he was engaged with a fellow-worker in carting straw from Mr. Michael McCarthy's straw-rick in Caherconry for the purpose of using it to cover the Council's potato pits. When they had gone a few yards from the rick his companion, Mr. T. Greany, went to the back of the load to adjust a wire in the gap. Russell, who was sitting on top of the load of straw, suddenly found it sliding from under him, and then the tragedy happened in a flash. The unfortunate man toppled down with the falling straw, his head striking the ground first. Greany, having accomplished his job, was returning to the load when he saw his companion in mid-air falling, and was horrified and chagrined to discover him on the point of expiring. The deceased man sustained a broken neck when his head came in contact with the ground, and death was almost instantaneous.

Remarkable Coincidence.

Poor Russell seems to have been fated to meet his death tragically, for he had an extremely narrow escape from a similar fate last spring, when, while cutting seed potatoes in a hay-barn almost on the exact spot where he died, a section of hay fell on him from the barn, and only that two fellow-workers present at the time were able to extricate him from where he was entombed, he would of a certainty have been suffocated, for when rescued he was gasping for air and suffering from shock.

Estimable Qualities.

Deceased was one of the most inoffensive men in the district. Of a quiet and gentle disposition and industrious habits, he was a most conscientious worker, and was held in the greatest respect and popularity by everybody. Loving God and his neighbour, he lived a decent Christian life, and as Rev. Father Fitzgerald remarked when asking the prayers of the congregation on Sunday last for his departed soul, there were few in the parish as well prepared to meet their Maker as he was. His sudden and untimely death aroused the sympathy of all classes in the district for his widow and children.

Sympathy with Parish Council.

Mingled with the condolences extended to the deceased man's relatives, is the sympathy of everyone in the district with the Parish Council on the regrettable occurrence. One of the most active, energetic and enterprising parochial bodies in the country, they have accomplished much during the past year in providing potatoes and turf for their community, and it was a real stroke of hard luck that they should lose such a valuable employee in such a tragic manner. Fortunately, they had adopted the wise precaution of having their workmen covered by insurance.

Red Cross Meeting.

Under the auspices of the Irish Red Cross Society, a very important meeting was held in the Hall

NEWCASTLE WEST JOTTINGS

(From Our Correspondent).

The River Arra.

The department of Local Government has informed the Parish Council that arrangements are being made for an inspection of the River Arra as a result of representations made with a view to having the river cleaned. Notification to this effect was received in reply to a communication addressed to the Department by Mr. J. O'Shea, N.T., Hon. Secretary of the Council. It was learned that a representative of the Department visited the town during the week and carried out an inspection of the river. The work is intended to remove a constant menace to the public health of the town and at the same time provide much needed employment in the area.

Was on "Prince of Wales."

According to latest available information of his whereabouts Mr. Tom Sullivan, a native of the town, was serving with the crew of the "Prince of Wales" when the battleship was recently sunk by Japanese action in the Pacific. Up to the time of writing no official report had been received as to his safety or otherwise but it is confidently hoped that he is amongst the many fortunate survivors. He is the youngest son of Mrs. M. Bourke and, step-son of Mr. P. Bourke, barber, Maiden Street.

Aged Lady's Death.

When Miss Mary Anne Fitzgibbon, an elderly spinster, living alone in a shop at South Quay, failed to open the premises at the usual hour on Thursday morning of last week neighbours became alarmed and notified the local Garda Station. Knocks at the door failed to attract any response and when an entrance was forced Miss Fitzgibbon was found in bed upstairs suffering from an injured hip, received apparently as the result of a fall. She was subsequently removed to the local infirmary, where she passed away some time later. Deceased, who was held in the highest esteem and regard by all sections, was sister of Mr. John Fitzgibbon, Limerick, and of the late Mr. Maurice Fitzgibbon, Home Assistance officer. There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral from the local Parish Church to Monegal.

Mission Film.

At the Desmond Cinema on Wednesday night of last week before a crowded and appreciative audience Rev. T. Burke-Kennedy, of the Mill Hill Fathers, presented the absorbing and thrilling film production, "A Priest in the Jungle." The film graphically described the strenuous work of trekking through the African jungle and showed Father Kennedy on the long tramp of 450 miles from the coast to the mission in the interior. Exciting wild animal scenes, and work of building a church and the influence of the mission on the lives of the African people were other interesting and informative features of the production which was intended to help the work of the missions.

Christmas Fair.

The annual Christmas fair on Wednesday of last week was the largest held in the town for many years. All departments were heavily stocked and trade was brisk

NOTICE

In (THOMAS HA McNamara Tone Street Harbour) All persons demands again above-named on the 24th hereby require same (in written signed Solicitor Administratrix) Dated this 10th Decem, 1941.

P. S. CONNOY 86 O'Connell

LIMERICK MOTOR TAXATION

Notice is hereby given that the Motor Taxation Act, 1931, as amended, for Christmas 1941, will be in force from the 28th Decem. L. O'DONNELL 82, 3 O'Connell Street, 10th Decem.

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