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LIMERICK LEADER

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1942.

Things That Matter

Our Minister for Finance was a much more popular man on Wednesday evening than he was earlier that day. Most people believed he had some rods in pickle for them and they had been almost denouncing him in advance. Early in his Budget statement that afternoon, however, he confounded the prophets by intimating that there were to be no increases at all and no new taxes.

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This announcement undoubtedly came as a surprise and has been cordially received. It was certainly very welcome news and was all the more so because it was not expected. The general anticipation, indeed, was that the screw would get a further turn in many directions and that some new experiments in taxation would actually be tried.

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Very many—the overwhelming majority of the people, probably—held that beer, spirits, tobacco, cigarettes and income tax would be subjected to additional imposts. In anticipation of increases in the case of several commodities, it is said, some traders were of late holding back supplies in order to have them for the higher prices they could charge later on. It was pretty widely held, too, that Mr. O'Kelly would make a raid in regard to a number of lines hitherto entirely exempt from taxation.

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In all the circumstances, therefore, the country has good reason to regard the Budget as much more satisfactory than could have been hoped for. It is quite true, of course, that the burdens of taxation are inordinately high as they are but there is some consolation in the thought that things might have been worse. Nobody expected reductions just now in view of the existing state of affairs at home and the international situation; and the fact that it is possible to avoid any new imposts is in itself a matter for gratification and ought have quite a healthy effect in a variety of ways.

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The social services in this country are costing a huge total. This is very largely because unemployment has been so widespread normally here for decades back. If constant and useful work were made available for all the employable people compulsorily idle our economic position in general would improve very

A WORLD-BEATER

The Late "Mick" O'Neill

HIS WONDERFUL ATHLETIC CAREER

(Special Appreciation) Limerick can boast of several great athletes, many of them world-beaters, but few were greater than the late "Mick" O'Neill, of Kilbreedy, Kilcornan, whose remains were laid to rest a few weeks ago in the little churchyard at Beigh, overlooking the Shannon.

He was the crack "track" man of the "nineties," beating all comers from Ireland, England and Scotland, and even the great Len Hurst of France. Space would not permit us to give a detailed account of his many achievements, and this brief account is penned to do justice to the memory of one who was a credit to his native district and his country.

Like many others at that time, he competed at small or "flapper" meetings, winning the mile race at Patrickswell and Foynes.

He made his first appearance under the "rules" at Adare in 1893.

WONDERFUL RECORD.

Here is his wonderful record:—

1893—At Adare, second in the quarter, half and mile races.

1894—At Adare, won the half-mile and one mile flat events. In the same year, at Limerick, he won the one mile flat championship of Munster, and was second, in Dublin, in the four miles flat.

1895—At Tipperary, retained his one mile championship of Munster, and from 1895 to 1898 won several Munster championships, ranging from the half-mile to the five mile events.

1896—Won his first All-Ireland championship at Jones's Road, covering the mile in 4 mins. 52 1-5 secs.

1897—Won the four miles title at the I.A.A.A. championships, repeating this performance the following year. Times, 1897, 22 mins. 25 secs; 1898, 20 mins. 46 1-5 secs.

1898—At Cork, won his second championship under G.A.A. laws, the 5 miles event in 27 mins. 19 4-5 secs. At the international championships at Ballsbridge, defeated Dr. Munroe of Scotland in the four miles event. Time, 20 mins. 19 3-5 secs. In the same year he won 19 out of 21 handicap events, always from "scratch." He covered the mile twice in 4 mins. 20 secs., but got no record for it. His only Irish record was in the five miles flat—27 mins. 19 4-5 secs.

TURNOED PROFESSIONAL.

In 1898 he turned professional, beating Mullen, of Belfast, at Limerick, Tralee, Dublin, and Belfast, in two, three and four mile events. He met and defeated Bacon, Tindler and Crossland, all champions. At Ashton-under-Lyne and Southport he beat Len Hurst, the French champion, in five and ten mile events, and, to crown his achievements, he won the three miles championship of the world from Watkins, at Rochdale, after which he retired from the track. He was then thirty-one years of age.

Such in brief was the record of this great athlete. His trainer, Walker, of Derbyshire, held there would not have been anybody to equal him, had he taken up serious training at the age of twenty-one. Pressure was brought on him to go to America, but he refused. Had he gone he surely would have gathered fresh laurels, and be numbered among those who shed lustre on our beloved country "in far, foreign fields."

He settled down to farming after his retirement from the track, and was closely identified with that sporting pack, the Stonehall Harriers, of which he was hon. whip for years. The younger generation listen spell-bound while their elders recount tales of the "Great O'Neill." Will any of them try to emulate him?

CONCILIATION

THE LIMERICK BOARD

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

Dear Sir—Your leading article on the question of the reconstitution of the Limerick Conciliation Board is very timely and, indeed, Sir, I am a little surprised that steps along the lines you suggest have not been taken long ago.

It appears to me, as it must to most people, a little absurd to have a body that could, if it had not been hamstrung by a ridiculous regulation, be a power for good in our midst.

As one who takes more than a passing interest in industrial and

RACE FIXTURES

Limerick's Exclusion

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall last night, the Mayor (Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor), presiding, for the purpose of considering the position that has arisen in consequence of the exclusion of Limerick as a centre for racing during the emergency.

Amongst those present were:—Mrs. Murphy (Cruise's Hotel), Dr. P. J. Lane, Messrs. Michael Roche, Chairman, Limerick Race Company; John Cahill, Secretary, do.; T. F. Ryan, County Surveyor; J. J. Berkery, City Manager; J. P. Griffin, L. J. Larkin, P. F. Quinlan, B.C.; Ed. Harty, Secretary, Limerick Junction and Mallow Race Committees; Harry Shee, Harry Russell, Stan Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer (Limerick Junction), P. A. Carroll, V.S.; Robin Ryan (Glentworth Hotel), R. T. Hartigan (George Hotel), James Clune, A. McDonagh.

NOT THE MINISTER'S DECISION.

The Mayor said that as a result of what appeared to be the feeling of the public he had called that meeting to discuss the Minister's order excluding Limerick from race fixtures during the emergency. He was sure the citizens in general will support wholeheartedly any appeal made to have races allocated to Limerick. Mallow and Limerick Junction had been selected as the centres in Munster for racing and, according to information supplied to Ald. Deputy Bourke, the exclusion of Limerick was not the Minister's decision but the decision of the Turf Club. That fact was conveyed to Deputy Bourke by the Minister. Therefore, it followed that representations should be made to the Turf Club or some such body to have meetings allocated to Limerick.

PREPARED TO CARRY OUT FIXTURE LIST.

Mr. Roche said that the Limerick Company was prepared to carry out their fixture list, as advertised, if permitted. With the Deputies he had interviewed the Minister for Agriculture, but Dr. Ryan told him that racing was outside his province. The Limerick Executive was one of the oldest in Ireland—it was 52 years in existence, and during that period, except for a short spell, racing was continuous. The Minister had been told that the Limerick course was subject to flooding. That was not now possible since the breach in the Shannon embankment had been repaired. If racing was not restored to Limerick the city would suffer severely economically.

The Mayor said that economic reasons would appeal more to the Minister than sentiment. If racing was stopped in Limerick many hands would lose their employment. Horse breeding, too, would suffer severely.

Mr. Berkery said that if trainers could not train their horses stable hands would be discharged. Owing to the suitable location of Limerick horses could be walked to the course from many centres.

Mr. Harty said that as manager of Mallow and Limerick Junction he desired to say that it was not the wish of these executives to have racing confined to these two centres. They were against centralisation.

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. F. Ryan said that the Advisory Committee had nothing whatever to do with the fixing of races for the Limerick Junction and Mallow. As a matter of fact the Committee felt that it was ridiculous to hold meetings in centres where there was not a population to support the fixtures. The point to emphasise on behalf of Limerick was that it was the centre of the horse-breeding industry. Were it not for the great potentialities and possibilities of this industry no races would have been allowed at all during the emergency. He was very glad to hear Mr. Roche say that the Limerick Executive was prepared to adhere to their full programme. In conclusion he wished to say that every member of the Advisory Committee was in favour of Limerick getting its full quota. He would advise that, following the forthcoming fixtures at the Junction and Mallow, which he believed would be a failure unless special trains were run, a deputation be sent to the Minister to urge him to allocate the remainder of the programme to Limerick.

The Mayor said that he was very glad to hear Mr. Ryan say that both Limerick Junction and Mallow did not agitate for fixtures to the exclusion of Limerick.

Mr. Roche said that he was very pleased, too, to hear Mr. Ryan's statement, for it was generally be-

MUINTIR NA TIRE

Big Fireside Chat

MANY ATTRACTIONS

The Fireside Chat arranged for the Savoy on next Sunday night promises to be one of the best entertainments presented in Limerick this many a day.

It will be a typical fireside gathering, the items will follow one another without a moment's delay, so patrons are assured of a packed two and a half hours amusement.

The programme opens with an introductory talk by Mr. P. J. Fitzgibbon, the well-known Limerick playwright, after which that old favourite, Mr. Eddie Bourke, will give a few of his most popular numbers.

QUESTION TIME.

Then follows Question Time for the individual championship of Limerick. The competitors have all won out through the eliminating rounds, so it is an "all star" event. Those taking part are:—Miss G. McMahon (Irish Red Cross), Messrs. D. Fitzgibbon (Limerick Boat Club), T. Murphy (Limerick Lawn Tennis Club), J. Griffin (Muintir na Tíre), M. O'Brien (Customs and Excise), F. Glasgow (Gaelic League), Sean Kelly (Posts and Telegraphs), J. Price (Athlunkard Boat Club), W. Gleeson (Distributive Workers), A. Costelloe (Old Crescent Boys Association), J. Morrissey (E.S.B.), and Capt. E. R. Shaw (A.R.P.). The usual prizes are being awarded the winner (£2 2s 6d.), and the runner-up (1 ls. 6d.).

Gerry O'Brien takes on immediately after, and should be heard at his best.

FATHER HAYES.

Rev. Father Hayes, founder of Muintir na Tíre, is assured of a great reception when he comes forward to give his talk. A Limerick man, born and reared in Murroe, and knowing every stone of our ancient city, Father Hayes is a remarkably fine speaker; a fact amply illustrated by his selection for the course of English sermons at the great Eucharistic Congress held in the Argentine some years ago.

Then comes a "thriller"—"the feature," "Do You Believe in Ghosts?" Quite a large number of stories were entered for the competition in connection with this, and the winning one will be presented on Sunday night. The whole item constitutes an entirely new departure in entertainment.

Miss May Heffernan, making her first appearance in Limerick, should bring us much of the charm of Tipperary; whilst the talk by Mr. J. O. Barry Walsh, national secretary of Muintir na Tíre, promises to be a real treat.

NOTABLE SINGERS.

Maybe we have kept the good wine for the last. Certainly the visit of Mr. James Johnson, Ireland's greatest operatic tenor, should be enough to pack the Savoy of itself, and, supported by Miss Eily Murnaghan, we can look forward to something worth while here. And to finish off the evening, we have the sensational new "Crazy Quiz" competition, an all-Limerick production, devised and arranged by Jim O'Donnell. It's a top-notch programme, backed up by the usual Fireside Chat features, including the community singing.

Booking is proceeding very briskly at the Savoy. All seats are bookable, and patrons would be well advised to secure their's without delay, otherwise they may be disappointed.

PARISH FUNCTIONS.

St. Munchin's Muintir na Tíre are having a Parish Rally at the Scout Hall, Thomondgate, on next Monday night, at 9 p.m. All members and intending members are earnestly requested to attend this most important function.

The Clerical, Trades and Workers Guilds of St. Michael's Parish are holding a similar rally at St. Michael's Hall on Thursday, May 14th, commencing at 8 p.m., members, and those anxious to join, should make a very special effort to attend.

HAMPER RAFFLE.

In connection with the raffle for the valuable hamper, ticket holders are requested to hand same in at the special kiosk in the Savoy vestibule before the commencement of the Fireside Chat on Sunday night.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

Within the past week (writes our Pallas correspondent) there has been quite a chapter of accidents in the locality. Mr. Matt Ryan, Barna, who met with an accident on his way to a public auction at Garrison on 31st April, is making satisfactory progress at the County Infirmary. His arm was broken in one place and fractured in

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