

travelled by Clare Street direct to Nenagh and as time went on the run was stepped up to two days, and ultimately the highlight of coaching speed was reached when the journey was accomplished in one day! It is of interest in passing to recall that the gentleman whose enterprise resulted in the first coach being put on the road was a Limerick man, Mr. Buchanan of Thomondgate.

PRINCE OF COACHMEN.

Bianconi, the Prince of Coachmen, was yet to revolutionise travel in Ireland. In July, 1815, he started a car from Clonmel to Cahir, eventually extending the service to Tipperary and Limerick. Bianconi's cars were of different sizes, some of them having accommodation for twenty passengers and travelling at a speed of 8 or 9 miles an hour. His fares were at the rate of 1½d. per mile per passenger.

Bianconi's foresight resulted in Limerick being extremely well served, for his coaches gave connections from the city to Cork, Tralee, Galway, Killarney and Ennis. His coach to Dublin left Limerick each morning at 7.30 arriving in the Metropolis at 9.15 the same night. The mail coach left at 5.30 p.m., arriving in Dublin at 6 a.m. the next morning.

And now the circle of time has made its full revolution again and another era of coaching returns. Last Monday veteran driver Jack Keane, resplendent in red uniform and tall grey hat, handled the ribbons of four horses to initiate the new service of Lord Adare between Rathkeale and Limerick. Guard R. Baker sounded a blast on the coaching horn and "The Shamrock" — yellow and black twenty-four seater coach—began its life anew.

BACK TO BIANCONI

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The coach that runs to Limerick from Rathkeale—

That fine old town beside the river Deel—

Reminds us of the coaching days of old,

Of which in novels Charles Dickens told.

When Weller, while his horses' bells did tinkle,

Conveyed good Pickwick, Snodgrass, Tupman, Winkle

Thro' wild adventures, packed with hearty laughter

That still was heard a century thereafter.

And here at home before the rail-

ordained, is son of Dr. Conor Marten, M.O., Waterloo Avenue, Dublin, and of Mrs. Kitty Fitzmaurice Marten, youngest daughter of the late Mr. William Fitzmaurice, Ballydonoghue, Glin.

Rev. Tom O'Brien, native of Aughinish, Ogonnelloe, was ordained by the Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin (Most Rev. Dr. Keogh), at St. Patrick's College, Carlow. On Sunday last he celebrated his first Mass at the new church, Ogonnelloe, assisted by the Rev. R. Bourke, P.P. There was a huge congregation, who received the young priest's blessing.

OVER 50 YEARS A NUN.

Very Rev. W. Canon Walsh, P.P., V.F., Mallow, presided at the obsequies of the late Sister Mary Collins, Convent of Mercy, Mallow, on Monday. The deceased nun was a native of Abbeyfeale and entered the Mercy Order 54 years ago. Aged 86, she was sister of Mr. Luke Collins, Ballylaugh, Abbeyfeale, and aunt of Rev. Bro. Hilarion, Presentation Order, Enniskillen.

TAKING PHOTOGRAPH OF AEROPLANE

Well-known in Irish social and hunting circles, Miss Brigid Sinton, Ballyard, Armagh, was, at Armagh Petter Sessions yesterday, charged under the Defence Regulations with attempting to take a photograph of an aeroplane being transported on a lorry. The police did not suspect any ulterior motive, and defendant was placed on probation.

LIMERICK CAMOGIE BOARD

A meeting of the Limerick Camogie Board was held last evening, at which Mr. J. Dinan, organiser for Munster, was present. Draws and fixtures were made and good progress was recorded. A full report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

CHINA'S FIGHTING FORCES

China has five million men in the field and ten million in reserve or in training behind the lines, Mr. K. C. George Yeh, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy, stated in London. Up to the end of 1941 Japanese losses in China exceeded 2,000,000 killed and wounded, he said.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Dr. P. McInerney, Ennis, has been appointed (from 12 candi-

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STANDARD

Mr. William Ball, Fitt and Co.) applied standard rent fixed f held by Mrs. E. Mitc Mary's Terrace, Balli

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The Justice said tha to the conclusion th in the house were lo sub-tenants. He w standard rent at £23

CLARE AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Out of 52 candidat tural Scholarships av Clare Committee of with the approval of for Agriculture, the successful:—Boys — Namara, Ballykett; Ballynacally; T. M Ed. Cotter, Cree; Inagh; M. Molone Girls—M. Ni Nuala M. Gorman, Carnane Scariff; M. Walshe, Margaret Quinlan