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CITY GAELIC GOSSIP

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Sunday's Tit-Bit.

Not for many years has an inter-club clash caused such controversy as that which takes place on Sunday next, when Ahane and Eire Og clash in the final of the Jimmie Kiely tournament. From every point of view it should be a really outstanding clash. This tournament was started late last year and in the semi-final stages Ahane and Eire Og scored victories over Treaty and St. Patrick's, respectively. These two clashes were played under very adverse conditions and both games received poor support. Sunday's finalists were undefeated last year in the championship but an objection against Eire Og was upheld, and that put paid to their chance of wresting the title from Ahane. It is held locally that the Eire Og team is the best of recent years, and many supporters of this club held high hopes of their team lowering Ahane's colours, but they did not get the chance. Both sides are taking Sunday's clash very seriously and have put in a period of training. On Sunday last Eire Og had a try-out against an Army fifteen and showed good form. With fine weather prevailing this encounter should attract a good measure of support and a thrilling clash is assured. It is to be hoped that all will give their support in view of its deserving cause. Preceding this game Sarsfield Barracks and Claughaun are in opposition in the New Ireland Shield junior hurling competition. This game should also be a lively affair as both teams are going well in this competition. This game is timed for 2.30 p.m. and the second at 3.45 p.m.

Board Meeting.

Mr. S. O'Ceallaigh, Chairman, presided at a meeting of the City Board on Thursday evening last. There was a large attendance of delegates. Business of a routine nature was gone into and good progress was recorded. Corbally Club notified the Board that they were withdrawing from the minor hurling championship and the Board raised no objection. Referees' reports were also read and adopted. It was decided to send invitations to the various First Aid Groups asking them to send members to matches under the auspices of the Board. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the medals for the current year's championships would be ordered immediately, and later on all outstanding medals would be cleared off. It is gratifying to see that such a step has been taken. This year no less than ten sets of medals will be put up for the competitions. At the next meeting on Thursday, at 7.30 p.m., arrangements will be made for the annual sports meeting, as will the fixing of dates for outstanding matches.

Fixtures.

The following fixtures were ratified (all juvenile):—

Sunday, 4th April, at C.B.S. Field, 12 noon—Football—Treaty v. C.B.S. Referee, L. Bourke.

Tuesday, 6th April, at Gaelic Grounds, 7 p.m.—Football—St. Patrick's v. Sarsfields. Referee, W.

OBITUARY

MRS. BEHAN, BALLYHAHILL.

The funeral of Mrs. Roger Behan, farmer, Ballyhahill, took place during the week amidst many manifestations of sorrow and regret. Deceased, who was in middle life, was member of an old Glin family which had given many members to the Church and to the District Councils. She leaves a husband, an invalid, and one child, to mourn her loss.

The priests who attended at Ballyhahill Parish Church and at Kilfergus Churchyard were:—Rev. Father Ryan, P.P., Ballyhahill; Rev. Father O'Connor, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Carroll, P.P., Glin, and Rev. Father McCarthy, C.C., do.

The following were amongst the chief mourners:—Roger Behan (husband), Eileen (daughter), Mrs. T. O'Connell, Mrs. M. O'Connor (sisters), Michael Culhane (brother), John Behan, James Behan, Thomas Behan, Michael O'Connor, Thomas O'Connell (brothers-in-law), Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Foran, Mrs. J. Behan, Mrs. T. Behan, Miss Culhane (sisters-in-law), P. O'Connor, E. O'Connell, M. Culhane, J. J. Dalton, J. Dalton, (nephews), Mary, Kitty Culhane, Eily Behan, Mrs. Enright and Mrs. Hayes (nieces), Mrs. Donovan (aunt), Michael D. and Mrs. Culhane, Killeany; T. and Mrs. Culhane, Balinagoul; Thos. T. Culhane, Thos. P. Culhane and Margt. Culhane, James and Thos. Barrett, Glin; Mr. and Mrs. Ruddle, Turraree; James and Mrs. Ambrose, Flean; Mrs. Scanlon, Athea; Mrs. T. Costello, Glin; J. Farrell, J. (junr.) and Mary Farrell, Ballinash; Michael Scanlon and Mary E. Scanlon, Michael and Mrs. Barrett, Dreen; Mary E. and Margaret O'Connor, Clash; P. White, Coolathea; Dora O'Sullivan, Athea; Mrs. and Kitty McAuliffe, Athea; John M. and Mrs. Culhane, Michael and Margaret Culhane, Ballyguiltenan; Patrick and Mrs. Culhane, Ballyguiltenan; Michael and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Flean; Mrs. Sweeney, Glin; Kitty and Mary Barrett, Glin; J. and T. Barrett, William and Mrs. Dillane, Glin; Denis and Miss O'Brien, Tennekilla, Dreen; J. Barrett, Knocknagorna; Mrs. Mulvihill, Mrs. J. Quaid, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. T. Culhane; P. Scanlon, J. P. Culhane, Mrs. B. Enright, Glin; Mrs. Michael Costello and M. Costello, Mr. and Mrs. J. Donovan, Tullyglass, Glin, etc. (cousins).

The following sent Mass cards—Her loving husband and daughter; O'Connor family; O'Connell family; The Culhane family; Sister M. Francis Terese (Presentation Convent, Lixnaw); the Behan family, Killaloe; Lieut. and Mrs. Scanlon; John and Ellen; Sister M. Vianny (Presentation Convent, Castleisland); Tom and Joan Culhane; Sister M. Colombriere, (Carey's Road Training College); Mrs. R. Hanley; Mrs. E. Mulligan; Sister M. Claver, Blackrock; Mrs. Jannice; Mrs. Baum, London; Ellen and J. Foran; Michael and Mary Culhane; Bridie, Mike, Kitty and Michael Fitzgerald, Flean.

RETIRED FROM ARMY

Colonel Patrick Maher, formerly Director of Artillery, whose retire-

Things That Matter

The grumbling habit become so ingrained in our country that we are sometimes unable to realise how happy we are by comparison with people in other lands. We have here in our island home a great deal to be thankful for, and still hundreds amongst us go "grousing" as if this was the most God-forsaken nation on earth.

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Details of the position elsewhere ought afford a healthy corrective of our tendency to complain. They stand in a striking way that we are singularly fortunate here in the Twenty Six Counties, not merely in one respect but in several. It is a pity that a more balanced view of things is not more widely held, because it would be a good source of hope and confidence for the future.

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Although war of a terrible kind has been raging around us for three and a half years we are still, thank God, immune from actual hostilities. In addition to that, in the matter of food supplies and other requirements we are doing surprisingly well in the circumstances. A recent League of Nations publication entitled "Wartime Rationing" affords interesting evidence of how well we are weathering the economic storm, which is having deplorable effects in most other countries.

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From this publication issued in Geneva, we learn that this is one of the only countries in Europe where rationing neither bread nor potatoes. In a table showing the rations of the ten chief European countries, the "free"—meaning unrationed—appears opposite Ireland as one of the top columns.