

UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL CROSS

Over 1,000 members of the L.D.F., L.S.F. and Old I.R.A. men, who were given pride of place in the procession, attended an impressive demonstration at Broadford (County Limerick) for the unveiling of a granite Celtic memorial cross erected to the memory of five members of the I.R.A. who lost their lives in the war of independence. The cross, which was inscribed in Irish, was dedicated to the memory of Lieut. D. Brennan, Volunteers P. Buckley and W. Danagher, who lost their lives at the burning of Dromcollogher Courthouse in 1920, and Volunteers M. Duggan and R. Boyce, who were done to death by Crown forces. Relatives of the dead men were given place of honour in front of the memorial at Killougholehan Cemetery, and the cross was formally unveiled by Group Leader James Collins, Abbeyfeale. Comdt. Liam Fraher, representing the Army 9th Batt., placed a wreath on the grave "From the Men of the Day." He was accompanied by Comdt. McGuire, while Lieut. Lynch was in charge of the L.D.F. and L.S.F. sections. A decade of the Rosary was recited in Irish by Rev. Fr. Enright, C.C., Broadford; Rev. Fr. Kennedy, C.C., Dromcollogher, and Rev. Fr. Fee, C.C., Templeglantine. District Leader M. Bourke, N.T.F., represented the District Staff, L.D.F., and Supt. McKenna, G.S., Newcastle West, was in charge of the Garda.

PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR LIMERICK

On Monday next, May 3rd, at 8 p.m., the conference convened by Limerick City Associate Guild of Muintir na Tíre of representatives of public bodies in Limerick will take place at 8 The Crescent. From this conference will be selected a Planning Committee, whose task it will be to examine the problem of unemployment in our city and to try and evolve means to solve it. There is no doubt that the efforts of Muintir na Tíre in this respect will have the wholehearted support of the citizens, and it is expected that all those who have been summoned to the conference will make an effort to attend on Monday night.

DEATH OF CO. LIMERICK FRANCISCAN

The death has taken place in Manchester of Very Rev. Peter Hickey, O.F.M., a former Provincial of the English Province of the Friars Minor. A native of Kilfinny (Co. Limerick), he spent two years in hospital following injuries sustained during an air raid. Aged 73, he entered the Franciscan Order at Killarney 56 years ago. He was Guardian at Gorton, Manchester, Stratford, London and Glasgow. Most Rev. Dr. Marshall presided at the Requiem, after which interment was made in Moston Cemetery.

TERMINATION OF SERVICES

The Minister for Local Government wrote to the Clare County Manager (Mr. D. O'Keeffe) inquiring the reasons for his action in terminating the services of Miss C. O'Dwyer, ophthalmic nurse in the county. The Manager has replied stating he saw no necessity for her further employment.

SACRED CINCTURE

clothes has to sleep on the floor. The house seems to be over-run with rats, as they have holes eaten in the window sashes and doors. Yet she refuses to leave the house. When the report came before the County Manager, Mr. J. Quin, secretary, said there was no power to remove the woman from the house, and the best thing to do was knock the dwelling. The matter was referred to the Dispensary M.O. for a special report.

DEATH OF LIMERICK NUN

The death took place at Woodlock, Portlaw, Co. Waterford, of Sister Gertrude (Shanahan), of the Order of St. Joseph of Cluny. Deceased was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Patrick and Mrs. Shanahan, St. Mary's Place, Limerick. She joined the Order some fifteen years ago and spent eight years of her religious life in Sierra Leone, West Africa. She was of a deeply religious nature and during her mission stay in West Africa, took great delight in instructing the children in the holy faith. The funeral will take place in the Convent Grounds, Portlaw, Co. Waterford, after 10 o'clock Mass to-morrow (Saturday). Sincerest sympathy is extended to her sisters, brothers and relatives.

A LUCKY WINNER

Hearty congratulations are extended to Miss Bridget Houlihan, Ballysally, Ballyagran (writes our correspondent there) on having won a prize of £100 on the Red Cross Sweep. Her nome-de-plume was "Lucky Well," and in this connection it should be of interest to recall that the ticket was sold to Miss Houlihan by her sister-in-law when both were returning from a visit to a holy well. A half share in the tickets is held by Mr. Michael Houlihan, brother.

EASTER MONDAY WELFARE VISIT

On Easter Monday, members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade again visited the City Home and Hospital and distributed tobacco, cigarettes, sweets, biscuits and books to the patients in the infirm departments. The institution attached to the hospital was also visited, similar gifts being distributed there.

GARDENING

Mr. J. J. O'Carroll, rural science organiser, will give another of his series of gardening talks and demonstrations at the City Technical Institute this (Friday) evening, commencing at 7.30. He will deal with a variety of seasonal operations and, as usual, give a great deal of useful information and guidance.

MUINTIR NA TIRE SHOW AT SAVOY

The show to be presented at the Savoy Cinema on Sunday night next by Muintir na Tíre is one of the most ambitious ever arranged during the presentation of the Sunday night concerts. In its desire to maintain the usual high standard of its presentations the organising committee of Muintir na Tíre has gone to considerable trouble to serve up a show of first-class entertainment. The Brisbane Choral Society will present the concert version of Verdi's immortal opera "Il Trovatore."

portant of all is the economic factor. To preach health to the hundreds of workers and their dependents who, because of unemployment or low wages, are at the poverty line, is useless. Basic needs must be satisfied before people can be healthy and happy; enough of the right food, decent shelter, opportunity for play, access to fresh air and sunshine, and work at a decent wage under suitable conditions. Good health is the best form of economy. Tuberculosis is generally the result of social and economic conditions. If I remember correctly statistics show that in Eire four times more workers than well-to-do people suffer from tuberculosis; therefore, a vast improvement in the standard of living of the working classes must be made if the disease is to be eradicated by preventing it. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL WALSH:
Caherline, Ballybrood,
Co. Limerick.
22-4-'43.

CLARE LIBRARY SERVICE

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")
Dear Mr. Editor—I have addressed the following letter to Mr. David O'Keeffe, County Manager for Clare:—

"Dear Sir—I note that you have allocated £385 for the conversion of the vacant private premises in Ennis—known as Bellevue—into a County Library Headquarters and residence for the County Librarian. As a ratepayer, I most emphatically protest against this proposed expenditure of public money on such a project. Each succeeding year during the decade this Library has been in operation has seen its membership decline, until to-day the registered number of book borrowers is only 3,258, or a little over 3 per cent. of the population of this far-flung county. I submit that a county service of this type, which is only availed of by such a very small proportion of the people who have to pay £1,378 per year for its maintenance and upkeep, should not be kept in existence any longer. The truth is that there is no need at all for a rate-supported Library in Clare. Any person in the county requiring the loan of books may borrow them from the Irish Central Library, Dublin, on the mere payment of the few pence postage involved in the carriage. Besides, there is a private Lending Library in almost every town in Clare. In Ennis, the capital, there are three such places, which are fed by one of the greatest Libraries in England, and they loan fiction and non-fiction books at the very nominal rate of 2d. a piece per week. Therefore, the County Library is an entirely superfluous and absolutely unnecessary public service without a *raison d'être* of any kind. Why, then, maintain it at the expense of the Clare ratepayers, many of whom are financially a l'extremite and very, very few of whom even bother with a Library book? In all humility I submit that, in the circumstances, it is your bounden duty as administrator of the public affairs of Clare to discontinue forthwith this County Library scheme, which by reason of the fact that it is not required, involves the waste of so much money. You are a trustee for public funds and it is your business to get full value for every half-penny of the ratepayers' money you permit to be spent. Now that you are fully acquainted with the whole true position of this unjustifiable and moribund County Library, I sincerely trust that you will not hesitate to do your obvious duty in connection with it. What it

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