

DIED IN AMERICA

The death took place in Brooklyn of Mr. John O'Shaughnessy, a native of Limerick. An obituary notice in an American paper says— "Mr. O'Shaughnessy was a native of Limerick, Ireland, and brought his family to this country 13 years ago. His five children are graduates of Catholic high schools in Brooklyn. The deceased is survived by his wife Katherine, two daughters, Sisters Joan Ita and Sister Beata Virginia, both of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and three sons, Corp. Thomas P. of the U.S. Army Air Force, stationed at Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Private John, U.S. Coast Artillery in North Carolina, and Private Christopher of the U.S. Marines, at present stationed at Grove City College, Pa. The entire family was present at the Mass, the boys in uniform having been granted emergency furloughs. The Mass was celebrated by Rev. Raphael J. Testagrossa. Rev. Charles E. Curley was deacon and Rev. John J. O'Connor, who had administered the last rites of the Church to the deceased, was sub-deacon. Rev. Leo Kelly, of St. Matthew's Church, Brooklyn, was in the sanctuary. Several Xaverian Brothers, and approximately 75 Sisters of St. Joseph were also present."

DEATH OF MISS BETTY LEAHY

One of the best-known and most highly respected families in North Kerry and West Limerick has been bereaved by the death of Miss Betty Leahy on the 28th ult., daughter of Mrs. Leahy and the late Mr. Timothy Leahy, Beenaspug, Athea, Co. Limerick. She was a talented and accomplished young lady, whose attractive personality and kindly and gentle disposition won her hosts of friends and well-wishers throughout the country. She was a sister of Mr. Patrick Leahy, M.E., Ph.D., a distinguished young member of the Faculty of Engineering in University College, Dublin. Her uncle, the late John Leahy, was the well-known and highly-successful arboriculturist, who did much to shelter and beautify the countryside. The extremely large and representative cortege that accompanied her remains to her last resting place, Knockanure Cemetery, bore eloquent tribute to the respect and high esteem in which she was held. God rest her gentle soul.

PRAM FARES RESENTED

The decision of the G.S.R. Co. to demand a return charge of 2/4 and a single charge of 1/2 for the carriage of prams between Waterford and Tramore has called forth

journey was covered in 28 flying hours, says a British Air Ministry News Service. The train consisted of a glider, fully loaded, towed by a twin-engined Dakota. The glider carried vaccines for Russia, radio, aircraft and motor parts. The trip was made in stages. The last take-off was early in the morning, and the train circled the airfield on the estimated time of arrival.

The glider, which has an 84-foot wing-span, was designed by the Waco Aircraft firm, and built by a piano manufacturer in New York. The freight load is one and a half tons. It was equipped with rubber dinghies, ordinary ocean emergency equipment, and flotation gear. The steel attachments were designed to take a pull of 20,000 lbs.

The non-stop record flight for a glider carrying freight had already been made by Squadron Leader Seys, who began experiments for the crossing about six months ago. All trials were made with the glider fully loaded, to test the possibilities of a passenger, freight, military or commercial air train service across the Atlantic.

Dakotas have been used as troop carriers. They can carry 28 men. Both British and American paratroops flew 1,500 miles from England in Dakotas to go into action in North Africa.

The Dakota has been compared with the German Junkers 52 troop carrier. It has 24,000 h.p. engines and a maximum speed of 200 m.p.h., writes a Press Association air correspondent. Its cruising speed is 194 m.p.h., and its normal range 2,125 miles. Its weight, when empty, is 16,865 lbs., and when fully loaded 25,200 lbs.

FARMER TO GET £523

In the High Court, Dublin, on Friday, a settlement for £523 and costs was announced in a case in which John J. Madigan, farmer, Ballyvogue, Kilcornan, Co. Limerick, brought a claim for damages for personal injuries received against Patrick J. Moran, druggist, Toomdeely, Askeaton, Co. Limerick. The action arose out of a collision between a car, the property of Mr. Moran, and a motor cycle, on which plaintiff was a passenger, at Toomdeely on May 20, 1940.

JUNIOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

In addition to "The Moon and Sixpence" at the Savoy this week, the programme will include a "short" that has been acclaimed enthusiastically by Dublin audiences. This gem among miniatures features the California Junior Symphony Orchestra (composed of boys and girls aged 5 to 18 years), under the direction of Peter Meremblum. At several performances in Dublin, audiences applauded the efforts of several of the talented artists.

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