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## DEATH OF AN ESTEEMED FIGURE

It is with feelings of the most profound regret (writes our Charleville correspondent) that I announce this week the death of Mr. Daniel O'Brien, which took place at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Thomas Leahy, Ardna-geehy, Charleville. The deceased, who formerly resided at Ballyhea, was an extensive and practical farmer, an obliging and kindly neighbour, with many fine traits of character, which earned for him the respect and esteem of his neighbours. On the death of his wife he retired from business and came to live with his son-in-law. After an illness of some months he passed away on Friday of last week fortified by the rites of the Church and the funeral took place to Ballyhea Cemetery on Sunday, when there was a very large and representative attendance of the general public.

## FOOD PRODUCTION

Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, has convened a number of district conferences with representatives of County Committees of Agriculture, with the aim of securing the co-operation of the committees towards increased food production in 1945. The conferences will replace the food production meetings which were held under the auspices of each Committee of Agriculture in recent years. This was disclosed in a letter from the Department of Agriculture, which was read at a meeting of the County Dublin Committee of Agriculture yesterday. The first conference is to be held on January 17th, with representatives from Leinster, Cavan and Monaghan, at the Boardroom, Department of Agriculture, Dublin.

## ELTON MAN'S DEATH

His many friends (writes our Hospital correspondent) learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. John Hartnett, late of Newtown, Elton. Deceased, who came of an old and highly respected Co. Limerick family, was very popular over a wide area and proof of his esteem and popularity was testified by the large attendance at the interment, which took place in the family burial ground, Athneasey,

## GILBERT AND SULLIVAN OPERA

The pupils of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Sexton Street, Limerick, will present "The Yeomen Of The Guard" at the Lyric Theatre for one week, commencing January 15th. According to advance reports, this year's effort will be the boys' best to date. This Gilbert and Sullivan piece is the nearest thing to grand opera that the prolific pair ever wrote, but this did not dismay the ambitious enthusiasts who may be considered veterans of this difficult field of theatricals. We direct attention to advertisement in this issue, and details will appear in our columns next week-end.

## THE SCARTEEN HOUNDS

There was an usually good field at the Knockarron meet of the Scarteen Hounds (writes our Hospital correspondent). Upwards of seventy persons attended. The day proved to be a very successful one and there was a good show of foxes, hounds having a long day's hunting over the districts of Ballyhoulihan, Ballysciddane and Rafferty's gorse, where there were no less than three foxes. The previous meet at Old Pallas was also a very good one. A fox was found at Dromkeen, which lead the hunt through Castleekin to Knockine and back again to Dromkeen, where he was killed close to the main Limerick road.

## POPE HONOURS IRISHMAN

Information has just been received that his Holiness the Pope has graciously conferred the Papal honour of Knight of St. Gregory the Great upon the Honourable Michael F. Walsh, K.S.G., Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, U.S.A. Judge Walsh is a son of Mr. Patrick Walsh, head of the New York City Fire Department, a native of Ballydine, Cashel, County Tipperary, and brother of Mrs. A. Crummy, of the same address. In addition to his important judicial office, Judge Walsh is a past State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, past Grand Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Supreme Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus.

## AGRICULTURAL WAGES

The Minister for Agriculture has nominated Mr. Sean Hartney, Briska, Shanagolden (representing employers) and Mr. Michael Conway, Knocklong (representing workers) on the Agricultural Wages Area Committee for Co. Limerick for 1945. These represen-

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