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AL FUNCTION AT FOYNES

enjoyable social dinner in the State Restaurant, Airport, Foynes. The was the paying of a fitting Mr. D. O'Connell, General of the Civil Service Association, who was on a it to Foynes. guests present were—Mr. nerney, Deputy Officer-in- , Meterological Offices, Messrs. Guerin, Leech and y, representing Cumann teoriuochta na h-Eireana, D. Madden, representing O Officers' Union. ast of "Eire" was pro- Mr. J. M. Geoghegan, a of the Shannon Airport of the C.S.C.A., who pre- he function. "Our Guests" n by Mr. G. P. McCudden, rman of the Branch, and nded to by Mr. Tierney. sing the toast of "An Mr. H. O'Sullivan, of the Committee and a member Central Executive of the paid an eloquent tribute 'Connell's work as General y, Mr. O'Connell dwelt on principles of Association and stressed the need for branches of the C.S.C.A. in as, where conditions were ideal. speakers, including Messrs. and Madden, were unani- paying tribute to Mr. s work in connection with t grant of increased cost- bonus, which not only l members of the C.S.C.A. tate servants. tems, showing a wonderful talent, were contributed by rity of those present, and njoyable time was had by success of the function in no small measure to Mr. comptroller of catering. most capable and efficient

1802 he published "Proceedings in Elegit," and in 1806, "Reports of Cases in the Irish Court of Chancery," both of which became standard law texts.

In 1830 Lefroy entered Parliament as member for Trinity College and took the part of a typical Irish Protestant Conservative member. He was a prominent member of all the Protestant Associations, including the Kildare Place Education Society, and his unpopularity with the Catholic Party retarded his advancement for some time after Catholic Emancipation. However, he was appointed Baron of the Exchequer in 1841 and took part in the political trials of 1848. It was he who sentenced Mitchel and the other Young Ireland leaders to prison or exile.

In 1852 he was appointed Chief Justice and did not relinquish the post until 1866 at the age of 70. He died at Newcourt, near Bray, on 4th of May, 1869, aged 93, and was buried in Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin.

At the age of 23, Lefroy married Abergavenny Mary, the daughter of Jeffrey Paul of Wexford, and had four sons and three daughters.

DEATH OF VENERABLE NUN

The death has occurred, in her 85th year, of Mother Mary Baptist McSweeney at the Convent of Mercy, Abbeyfeale. Mother Baptist was daughter of the late Edward and Margaret McSweeney, The Villa, Mounthawk, Tralee. A member of an old highly esteemed Tralee family, she was sister of Mrs. Kirwan and Mrs. Norman. Mounthawk, and of the late Sister Mary Bernadine, Convent of Mercy, Tralee, and Sister M. Paul, Convent of Mercy, Charleville. Mother Baptist entered the Convent of Mercy, Abbeyfeale, in 1880, and was one of the first seven professed.

She was one of the pioneers of the Branch of the Order opened in 1888 at Ballingarry, where she spent some years as Superioress. Mother Baptist held the office as Superior many times in Abbeyfeale and during her last term of office the present very fine new schools were erected in 1937. She was a distinguished religious and educationalist. Her noblest work was amongst the poor. Her life work accounted for many religious vocations, as well as many excellent positions in secular life. The interment took place in the convent cemetery after office and Requiem High Mass.

Chief mourners were:—Mrs. Kirwan and Mrs. Norman (sisters), Mrs. Hale, London, and Miss Nina Kirwan (nieces).

Rev. J. Halpin, C.C., was celebrant of the Requiem Mass; Very Rev. R. A. Harnett, C.S.Sp., deacon; Rev. D. McCarthy, C.C., Tournafulla, sub-deacon, and Rev. J. Liston, C.C., master of ceremonies.

In the choir were:—Right Rev. Monsignor Hannon, P.P., V.G., Newcastle West (who presided); Very Rev. P. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F., Abbeyfeale; Very Rev. T. Canon Wall, P.P., V.F., Ballingarry; Rev. Michael O'Brien, P.P., Castlemahon; Rev. C. Harnett, New Zealand; Rev. Father O'Beirne, C.C., Athea, and Rev. Michael O'Kelly, C.C., Newcastle West.

Amongst the many telegrams of sympathy received was one from Mr. de Valera.

WAR ON PIKE

During the past two years 1,633 pike were killed on Lough Derg by the Shannon Fisheries Association (Killaloe depot). This clearance is expected to improve trout fishing on the lake.

areas discussed in the town planner's report until that report had been very fully discussed with both its author and with a committee of local architects. If Limerick is to profit from the presence of a nearby airport it must become a modern city, and this means that much of its central area will need re-development. It is no use expecting buildings which were erected nearly 200 years ago to last indefinitely, and it is, I submit, possible to re-develop the Sarsfield St. area so as to provide a wider thoroughfare and at the same time recoup the cost of acquiring property by modern development. I am not in favour of a Civic Centre at Arthur's Quay, quite apart from the cost of carrying out such a project.—Yours faithfully,

F.S.I.

CHRISTOPHER LYNCH CONCERT

There have been so many requests for "Che Gelida Manina" ("Your Tiny Hand Is Frozen") from "La Boheme" and "My Snowy Breasted Pearl" that Mr. Christopher Lynch has signified his intention of singing both at his concert on Sunday next. He has asked us to state that it is not possible to consider further requests as the limit of songs which can be included has been reached.

Mr. Michael O'Higgins will sing "A Soft Day," "She Walked Through The Fair" and "The Palatine's Daughter" and other numbers. He will sing two duets, from the operas, with Mr. Lynch. A limited number of stage seats may be obtained at the Savoy Box Office.

OLD LIMERICK SOCIETY

The first annual "At Home" of the Old Limerick Society, held at the Stella Restaurant yesterday evening, was a most entertaining function, and was greatly enjoyed by the large number of members and their friends who attended.

In the unavoidable absence of the Mayor (Ald. James Reidy, T.D.), Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E., presided. The proceedings, which were of an informal character, included a short paper on "Life in Georgian Limerick," read by Miss Phyllis O'Sullivan, a report of which will appear in a later issue. Songs, recitations and musical items, which were contributed by members and by some well known artistes, were greatly appreciated by the large gathering. Tea was served during the evening.

CHARLEVILLE COURSING CLUB

The annual meeting of the Charleville and Garrienderk Coursing Club will, as announced in our advertisement columns this week, take place on Thursday, the 15th February. This year new improved grounds have been acquired in the vicinity of the town. The committee with the aid of the members, have erected the enclosure, and an ample supply of stout running hares have been secured and are in fine condition, notwithstanding the recent severe weather.

A LAST TRIBUTE

Amongst those present at the funeral of Mr. Patrick Belton to Glasnevin Cemetery yesterday were An Tanaiste (Mr. S. T. O'Kelly), Dr. James Ryan (Minister for Agriculture), Mr. S. MacEntee (Minister for Local Government and Public Health), Mr. W. T. Cosgrave and Ald. M. O'Sullivan, T.D., Lord Mayor. An Taoiseach was represented by his A.D.C., Commdt. Sean Brennan.

earning 8/- a day. Two former employers of the defendant gave evidence of Flaherty working for them on the demolition of houses.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, for the defendant, said the witnesses had not given evidence as to the dates on which they employed the defendant, and that was important, as O'Flaherty was pleading that he did not draw benefit in respect of any day on which he worked.

The Justice said he would adjourn the case for a fortnight, as he would require specific evidence as to the dates concerned.

Martin McGrath, 10 Taylor St., Limerick, was fined £1 for attempting to obtain unemployment benefit by false pretences.

SCHOOLS DRAMA FESTIVAL

The Minister for Education, Mr. Tomas O'Deirigh, has written to inform the Limerick Schools Drama Committee that he will be present on March 5th to open their third annual Drama Festival. This news, though pleasing in its way, can scarcely be as important to the Committee as the fact that the Limerick schools have again entered most enthusiastically into preparations for the festival. Twenty schools are to participate and the number of different plays in preparation reaches the grand total of twenty-seven.

The complete list of plays entered was before the Committee on Friday last, and one of the most gratifying features was that four new plays have been written for this year's festival, and at least five others are plays translated into Irish for the first time. Many others are plays never performed in the city before. These facts certainly prove that our Limerick teachers and schools are up and doing, and are leading the way in the Gaelic dramatic revival.

RECENT WEDDING

The marriage took place at St. Joseph's Church, Limerick, on January 13th, 1945, of Mr. Stephen O'Sullivan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Sullivan, Ballynolan, Kildimo, and Miss Josephine Dundon, daughter of Mrs. Dundon and the late Mr. Michael Dundon, Barnalick, Adare. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Dundon, was attended by her cousin, Miss Brigid Dundon. Mr. Michael O'Brien, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. The ceremony, with Nuptial Mass and Papal Blessing, was performed by the Rev. J. O'Sullivan, brother of the bridegroom, assisted by Rev. Dr. Cowper, Adm., St. Michael's, cousin of the bride; Very Rev. P. J. Canon Thornhill, P.P., Adare; Very Rev. Canon Wallace, P.P., Kildimo; Rev. J. Culhane, C.C., Adare, and Rev. Father Hand, O.S.A., Limerick. The reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Hand, Limerick. The wedding march was played by Mr. J. Enright, Limerick.

THE BIG THREE

The big three—Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin—are reported to have started their three-power conference yesterday. This is announced by the Cairo Radio but no indication of the place of meeting is given.

SUGAR BEET

The transport of beet to the four sugar factories has been completed. It required 95 special trains daily and at the peak period the use, as well, of 350 lorries.