

OBITUARY

THE LATE MR. OWEN RYAN

After Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday of last week the remains of the late Mr. Owen Ryan were removed to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery for interment. The cortege was very representative—a signal tribute to the popularity of the deceased.

The late Mr. Ryan conducted a very successful grocery business for over a half century at Upper William Street and Upper Clare Street. He was an active and enterprising man. He was also a prominent figure in the public life of the city and adjoining counties, and was for a number of years a member of the Limerick Corporation and Board of Guardians.

Deep sympathy is expressed to his wife and son, to his sisters, Rev. Mother Berchmans, Clifden, Co. Galway; Sister Benignus, Bandon, Co. Cork, and his brother, Mr. Thomas Ryan, Ardacrusha, and other relatives.

The chief mourners were—Mrs. Ryan (widow); Michael Ryan (son); Peggy Ryan (daughter-in-law); Thomas Ryan (brother); Michael Ryan (nephew); Anne and Owen Ryan (grand-children); Annie, Eileen and Sadie Ryan (nieces); Edward Brazill (nephew); Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Michael Minihan, Michael Ryan, Kyle; Hannie Ryan, James Smith, Ballycourney; James Ryan, Doonass; Richard Riordan, Ellen Mary Riordan (relatives).

The clergymen who officiated at the graveside were—Rev. Father Moloney, P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. Father O'Regan, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Aloysius, O.F.M.; Rev. Father Tahenny, O.P.; Rev. Father Kennedy, P.P., Murroe; Rev. Father Brazill Adm., St. John's; Rev. Father O'Grady, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Godfrey, C.C., St. Munchin's.

The following sent Mass cards: Mrs. Delia Ryan (widow); Michael Ryan (son); Peggy Ryan (daughter-in-law); Anne and Owen Ryan (grand-children); Sister Benignus and Community, Bandon; Mother Berchmans, Clifden; Nieces, Rosaree, Newport; Madge and Michael Minihan; Michael and Mollie Ryan; Cousin Mike and family; Molly Dolan and Sister Philomena; Eileen Ryan, Denis and Hannah Ryan; Mr. and Mrs. Dooley, Dainty Dairy; Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle; Madge and Jack Shanahan; the O'Grady family; the Crowe family; Michael and Mrs. Collins; Jack and Eileen Finan; Mrs. M. M. Duggan; Mrs. John Griffin and family; John B. Lawlor; Kathleen and Patrick Maher; Tim McMahon, Mary, Anthony and Thomas Dove; Daisy and family; the Ronan family; Kathleen; Harry and Nellie Bowles; Mrs. Nolan, Corbally; John Taheny and family.

Telegrams were sent by—Commandant and Mrs. P. Collins, Dublin; Commandant and Mollie Casey, do.; Sean and Mrs. Collins, do.; Dick and Maud O'Connell, do.; Nicholas and Essie O'Dwyer, do.; Mary, Wallis, Dundrum, do.; P. B. Ryan, do.; Catherine Lloyd, do.; Dr. and Rosaleen Rafferty, Limerick; Agnes Ryan, Cashel; Timothy Ryan, Thurles; Sister Elizabeth, Galway; Community, Bandon; Mother Berchmans, Clifden, Galway; Clifden Community, do.; Tom Quin, Killaloe; K. M. Egan, Newport; William Ryan, Oola; the Crummie family, Goolds Cross.

So large and representative was the attendance of the general public from Limerick, Clare, Tipperary and elsewhere that it would be utterly impossible to give anything like an exhaustive list.

Amongst those present were—The Mayor (Ald. James Reidy, T.D.), Ald. Dan Bourke, T.D.; Ald. James Carew, Ald. D. J. O'Malley, solr.; G. E. Russell, B.C.; M. F. Donnellan, Acting City Manager; Ormond Power, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce; E. J. Fitzgerald, manager, Provincial Bank, Upper William Street; J. Scully, Munster and Leinster Bank, O'Connell St.; and Mrs. Clohessy, chairman, Limerick Licensed Vintners' Association.

MRS. MARY HOULIHAN.

The death of Mrs. Mary Houlihan, relict of the late John Houlihan, Knocknabonta, Loughbill, took place at the residence of her son, John, in South Cappa, Limerick, on Tuesday, March 2, 1945.

HEAVY BURDEN

DOCTOR'S CLAIM

Borrowings For Co. Council Council

In order to repay the principal and interest of loans borrowed by the Limerick County Council a sum of £40,000 has to be provided annually out of the rates. A statement to this effect was made at the meeting of the Co. Council on Saturday, Mr. J. W. Cauty, Chairman, presiding.

The Manager said that at a previous meeting Mr. Quish raised the question of the amounts borrowed by the present and previous County Councils under the Labourers Acts for the provision of housing in the county. The sum borrowed amounted to £1,064,862; of that amount £365,892 had been repaid, leaving a balance outstanding of £698,970. These loans were on a county-at-large basis and the repayment charge for the coming year, after making provision for a subsidy of £13,000, would be £25,600.

The amounts borrowed on the several rural districts were as follows:—Newcastle West—Borrowed, £52,500; repaid, £23,225; outstanding, £29,275. Rathkeale—Borrowed, £34,380; repaid, £12,585; outstanding, £21,795. Croom—Borrowed, £12,600; repaid, £2,174; outstanding, £10,426. Kilmallock—Borrowed, £37,730; repaid, £12,034; outstanding, £25,696. Limerick No. 1—Borrowed, £27,250; repaid, £9,175; outstanding, £18,075. Tipperary No. 2—Borrowed, £4,790; repaid, £2,386; outstanding, £2,404. Mitchelstown—Borrowed, £5,380; repaid, £2,506; outstanding, £2,874. Glin—Borrowed, £3,320; repaid, £1,532; outstanding, £1,788.

Under the heading of Public Assistance, the Manager continued, there were only two small recent loans—one of £1,300 for the County Hospital and another of £2,500 for fire hydrants and pipes at the County Home. There were also three loans for dispensary residences, all totalling £7,050. A sum of £1,826 had been repaid, leaving outstanding £5,224. All these borrowings added together totalled £1,249,862. Of that total a sum of £423,335 had been repaid, leaving a balance outstanding of £810,668. The repayment of these loans cost £40,000 per annum.

PUBLIC HEALTH LOANS

In connection with the repayment of these loans, I would be glad, the Manager continued, if the County Council would consider the question of making all public health loans a county-at-large charge. Under the new Drainage Act, the charges will in future be county-at-large charges, and it would facilitate the work of the accounts if the public health loans were now made a charge on the whole county.

Mr. Quish—Does this figure of £1,249,862 embrace all borrowings?

Manager—Yes.

Mr. Quish—What rate of interest do we pay?

Manager—It varies from 3 per cent. to 5 per cent.

Mr. Quish—What are the borrowings for Mitchelstown?

Manager—£5,380.

Chairman—You are doing very well in Mitchelstown.

Mr. Quish—I think it would be most unfair to have these charges made a county-at-large charge. Each district should stand on its own legs.

Mr. McCormack—I propose that we adhere to the present arrangement.

Mr. McAuliffe—And I second that proposition.

Chairman—I declare that proposition passed unanimously. We will all shoulder our own burdens.

CIRCULATION OF ORDERS.

Mr. Quish said that as they were in a critical mood at all he thought they should ask the Manager to circulate the orders made by him from time to time. As matters stood, the members of the Council were in the dark. He knew that in other counties the Managers circulate their orders.

Manager—We discussed this matter before and were agreed that no useful purpose would be served by issuing orders of a routine nature. I have now to deal with routine matters that used be dealt with by the Finance Committee of the County Council. We agreed

Before Judge Barra O'Brien, Limerick Circuit Court, Dr. Cecil McLoughlin, Bona, Knocklong, sued the Limerick Co. Council for an order under the Workmen's Compensation Act for £28 5s. compensation which he had paid to Miss E. O'Connor, a domestic servant employed by him and who had sustained injuries in a road accident.

Mr. M. Danaher, B.L. (instructed by Mr. J. Sexton, solr.), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Mahon, B.L. (instructed by O'Sullivan, solr.), for the defendant.

Bridget O'Connor said that the date in question she was lying from Hospital and passing Father Bergin's house, a bicycle went into what appeared to be a drain on the road. She said that pipes had been laid there when passing it previously. When she was returned from Hospital on 23rd Sept. 1943, she was thrown from her bicycle and sustained injuries to her chin and back, as well as fractures of her jaw bones. She was on her employer's business at the time. She was still incapacitated and in receipt of £8/9 a week.

Plaintiff said that Bridget O'Connor was employed by him as a domestic servant up to the time of her accident. She was unemployed at the moment but was re-employed when fit again. He saw a hollow on the road at the time in question, shortly after the pipes had been laid.

He was claiming £26 5s. compensation which he had paid the party up to 24th April, 1944. The present proceedings were instituted. He was paying her rate of £8/9 per week and she had paid her £74 to date. Medical evidence was given by Dr. Clery, Hospital, who said that the patient would be completely incapacitated for some time.

Mr. McMahon, asking for judgment, held that there was contributory negligence on the part of Miss O'Connor. She had obviously cycled over the same safety and had she exercised some precautions on this particular occasion there would have been no accident.

Mr. Danaher said there was evidence to show that Miss O'Connor was not cycling carefully at the time the accident occurred.

The Judge said he was of the opinion that there was contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff as he believed the accident could have been avoided. He granted the direction and dismissed the action with costs.

THE RED CROSS

NEWCASTLE WEST BRANCH

Right Rev. Monsignor P.P., V.G., was unanimously elected President at the general meeting of the Newcastle West Branch of the Irish Red Cross Society. The other outgoing officers were also re-elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. M. O'Grady; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. A. I. Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Nash; Treasurer, Mr. J. O'M.P.S.I.; Hon. Auditors, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Riordan, Co. Tipperary; Rev. M. Kelly, C.C.; Mr. Coughlan, N.P.; M. Reidy, M. Nunan, P.C.; P. Murphy, T. Roche, J. Phelan, Mrs. O'Connell, S. O'Brien and T. Miss Peg Dee, Divisional Secretary, and Miss Una Nash were appointed delegates to the County Council.

Opening the proceedings, Rev. Chairman cordially welcomed the branch on its successful year's working and excellent progress made by the Society during the past months. He warmly complimented the secretary, treasurer and divisional officer on their painstaking and efficient work and hoped the members of the branch would continue their splendid efforts on behalf of the Society.

In the course of her annual report to the branch Divisional Secretary, Miss Una Nash said that

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