

...duty was to build a warm and...
...fail to every man, woman and...
...child from Clare, Limerick, Tipperary,
...from Clar Geal Munhan, who had come to patronise the function.
...He was very pleased to see so many children and parents present and congratulated them.
...The Irish class recently formed at O'Brien's Bridge was a success and a great boon to the youth of the district, and their indefatigable Irish teacher, Mr. Carroll, the committee in charge of the Aeridheacht, and the National Teachers of the district, deserved special praise for the success of the undertaking.
...The Irish teacher has been only teaching in O'Brien's Bridge a short time and the great success of the Aeridheacht is a worthy tribute to his work for the language movement.

SPOKEN THERE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

Irish, said Canon O'Molloy, was the language spoken in this historic spot for thousands of years. English by foreign Governments and foreign laws, which have gone for ever, thank-God, was forced upon an unwilling people, but, in spite of all, it was only for the last 100 years or so that the Irish language ceased to be spoken in this district. This year the centenary of that great Irish poet, Thomas Davis, will be commemorated, and it is only befitting the Gaelic race that his teachings and ideals would be emulated.

Quoting Thomas Davis, Canon O'Molloy said:—"A people without a language of its own is only half a nation. A nation should guard its language more than its territories—tis a surer barrier and more important frontier than fortress or river. To have lost the national language is death to the nation."

Canon O'Molloy deeply regretted the death of the late Mr. Millar, N.T., a great Irishman, who gave of his best to the language movement. He thanked the G.A.A. and camogie teams, who were worthy successors of the braves who defended the walls of Limerick. He congratulated Mr. Sean O'Sullivan, N.T., and the Gaelic Leaguers of Castleconnell on their work for the language. The Aeridheacht to-day and the forthcoming Feis at Castleconnell, he said, are national functions of which we are proud.

Supt. Murray paid a great tribute to the members of O'Brien's Bridge Irish class, to their teacher, Mr. O'Carroll, and to the committee. He exhorted all to speak Irish and not be ashamed of the national tongue. The language is the soul of the nation, said the Superintendent. Small nations may be conquered by the sword, but as long as the native speech is preserved the spirit of the people can never be conquered. The great sacrifice made by the men of 1916 must not be in vain. The willing and patriotic response to the national call by the young men of Ireland who joined the Army and Defence Forces in defence of their country and in the preservation of her neutrality showed that the spirit of nationality is as virile to-day as ever. He was proud to be on the same platform with Canon O'Molloy, who is a distinguished Churchman and a great Irishman. He was also pleased to see Padraig Comer in their midst, an untiring Gael in every national movement.

A vote of thanks to the Very Rev. Canon O'Molloy, Supt. Murray and to P. O'Maoilchiorain for their attendance was passed with acclamation.

RESULTS.

Best Irish Speaker over 14—1, D. O'Maidin, Limerick; 2, T. Mac Suibhne (do.).
Cait Ni Fhlannarbh, Castleconnell Irish Class; 2, Peig Ni Chaba (do.).
Question Time over 14—1, Castleconnell.
Question Time under 14—1, O'Brien's Bridge.
Solos for Boys and Girls under 16—1, Brid Ni hAiceid, Clonlara; 2, Sean O Seighin, Castleconnell.
Solos for Boys and Girls over 16—1, D. O Maidin, Limerick; 2, P. Mac Eochadha, Castleconnell.
Duets for Boys and Girls any age—1, Maire and Noirin Duggan, O'Brien's Bridge; 2, C. Ni Mheoin and her sister, Dublin.
Melodeon for Boys and Girls any age—1, Mortain O hAodha, Bridgetown; 2, Eilis Ni Srain, Ballyhane, Birdhill.
Reel for Girls under 14—1, Maire Ni Dugain, O'Brien's Bridge; 2, Carmel Ni Mheoin, Dublin.
Reel for Girls over 14—1, Noirin Ni Dugain, O'Brien's Bridge; 2, Sighe Ni Riain, Birdhill.

Harbour Master—Yes.
Mr. Donnellan—Had it any bearing on the accident?

Harbour Master—None whatever.
Mr. Donnellan said he was informed that the buoy was lying at the docks and that its absence had a bearing on the accident.

Mr. Roycroft To clarify the matter, I can say that the pilot admitted taking a wrong course.

The Harbour Master said that the buoy had nothing to do with the accident, which happened in broad daylight.

Ald. D. Bourke said he was present at the Pilotage Committee and every detail arising out of the grounding was gone into.

On the proposition of Ald. Bourke, seconded by Mr. Keyes, the minute was adopted.

Mr. Donnellan asked that a report be made to the Irish Lights Commissioners to replace the buoy immediately.

The Harbour Master said he had a recommendation for the meeting for the restoration of two buoys on the Shannon, and the increasing in strength of another.

Mr. McMahon said in fairness to the Irish Lights Commissioners it was only right to say that their vessel, which was used for dealing with the buoys, was sunk during the war.

The Secretary said that the question of the holding of an inquiry into the grounding of the "Irish Willow" by the Department of Industry and Commerce had been raised, but in view of the action taken by the Harbour Board in respect of the pilot such an inquiry would not now be necessary.

A letter was read from the Irish Shell Co. stating that they understood the Harbour Commissioners had a site of 80,000 square feet available at the docks, near the Shannon Foundry. The firm required a site of 20,000 square feet for a new storage depot, and were anxious to discover if the Commissioners were prepared to give them such a site on lease.

The Engineer said another oil company had been enquiring for the same site. He had pointed out that the Commissioners would not favour letting the site unless they had a guarantee that tankers would be brought into the docks. If Irish Shell imported cargoes to the port it would be an asset, otherwise he failed to see how the Board could facilitate them.

Mr. Roycroft said if Irish Shell were prepared to bring traffic through the port, their application should receive favourable consideration.

It was decided to write to the firm requesting more information and indicating that if cargoes were to come through the port the application would receive careful consideration.

An application from Col. Feely for permission to use the Graving Dock on July 25th for a swimming gala in connection with the Steeplechase Week was granted, subject to the Graving Dock not being in use at the time.

LATE MR. WM. B. FITT

A warm tribute to the late Mr. Wm. B. Fitt was paid by Mr. Louis de Courcy, auctioneer, before opening his Weekly Cattle Market on Saturday last.

"Before beginning this sale," said Mr. de Courcy, "I would like to refer to the passing during the week of an outstanding Limerick man. I am referring to the death of Mr. Wm. B. Fitt, a great man. There is hardly a man here who did not know him, and we all know of his remarkable abilities. I am personally indebted to him, as he was always willing to give his expert advice, which I often availed of, and I can say that I found his advice to be really sound and good. I personally consider that there never was nor will be a more brilliant or a better, or even as good, an auctioneer as William B. Fitt."

THE WHITE TURKEY

In recent years the British housewife has complained that her Christmas turkey has been too big for the oven and has demanded a bird with the same amount of meat on a smaller bone structure. The answer, says "The Farmer and Stock-Breeder," is the white turkey, and many British breeders, following the example set by America, are transferring from the usual breeds to the white.

District Justice Flood, has now a collection of over 100 splendid paintings. These, however, cannot be displayed to advantage until the gallery is made available. When the job is completed it will be possible to hang some 400 paintings under ideal conditions. Limerick will then have a Gallery of which the citizens may feel justly proud.
The proposal to set up in Limerick a Municipal Art Gallery originated in the fertile brain of Mr. J. J. Johnson, manager, Limerick Branch, G.C.C. In February, 1936, the Bard of Thomond Memorial Committee, of which Mr. Johnson was a member, entertained Mr. Dermot O'Brien, P.R.H.A., at dinner, after the freedom of the city had been conferred on him at a special meeting in the Town Hall. Mr. Johnson, who was one of the speakers at the social function, remarked that he would avail of the presence of the President of the Royal Hibernian Academy to emphasise the loss Limerick was at in not having an Art Gallery, and he expressed the hope that the city would have such an acquisition before the lapse of many years. Mr. Johnson's dream of almost nine years ago is now about to come true.

RECENT WEDDINGS

On Wednesday, May 30th, 1945, in the private Chapel at Power Hall, the marriage took place of Mr. Hugh Ryan, of Kinnagh House, Curragh, Co. Kildare, and Miss Violet Marguerite O'Neill Power, of Power Hall, Snowhill, Waterford. Mr. Clement Ryan acted as best man for his brother, and Miss O'Neill Power was given away by her cousin, Mr. Nicholas O'Neill Power, who travelled from Galway to be present at the wedding. The Very Reverend Canon Brennan, P.P., Ferrybank, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by the Reverend Dr. Hughes, C.C., Slieverue; the Reverend J. Halley, C.C., Ferrybank, and the Reverend W. Murphy, C.C., Castlecomer. After the marriage a small reception was held, at which the guests were received by Miss Poer O'Shee, cousin of the bride. Miss O'Neill Power is the daughter of the late Joseph O'Neill Power, of Power Hall, Snowhill. Some years ago she acquired by purchase from her brother, Major O'Neill Power, who now resides in England, the demesne and residence of Power Hall, which has been in the O'Neill Power family for over two hundred and fifty years.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ryan intend to maintain the stud of thoroughbred brood mares, at present at Snowhill, in conjunction with Mr. Ryan's racing stables at the Curragh.

SHANNON—TALBOT.

The wedding took place on June 5th at Trinity Church, Limerick, of Mr. John Shannon, Alexandra Terrace and Miss Dorothy Talbot, Lansdowne Park. The service was conducted by the Rev. Precentor Talbot, B.D., uncle of the bride, assisted by Ven. The Archdeacon of Limerick, B.D., and the Rev. G. Kingston. The bride, who looked charming, attired in hyacinth blue, was given away by her father, and was attended by two bridesmaids, the Misses Joan Talbot and Elizabeth Doran, who wore frocks of rose pink. The best man was Mr. T. Marsden.

A guard of honour, composed of boy scouts and the L.P.Y.M.A. ladies' hockey team, attended. A reception was held at the bride's home, after which the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Donegal.

QUESTION TIME

Volume two of "Question Time," by Mr. William J. Maguire, M.A., LL.D., B.L., has just been issued. It is a splendid addition to his first very valuable work of the same kind published some years ago. The latest book is more than an exceedingly instructive guide for those entering for "Question Time" contests. It is a rich mine of general information that should prove a great boon to all classes of students. The gifted author, as he tells us himself in a foreword, has endeavoured to produce what would be in a special manner helpful to candidates for public examinations. "The text," he adds, "contains information in a concise form which would otherwise be inaccessible to the student, except through a wide, intensive and prolonged course of reading." Nearly

of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, and in the course of his remarks referred to the part played by Very Rev. Dr. O'Neill in the historic ceremonies at Rome.

AT ST. PETER'S.

In a description of the Beatification scene in St. Peter's in 1920, Monsignor Curran recalled that the first appearance in the Vatican of the Irish national colours was when the traditional bouquet, which on this occasion was made up specially of green, white and orange flowers, was presented at the close of the inspiring ceremonies by Very Rev. Dr. O'Neill. As time marches on, this historic event in the Vatican, symbolic as it was of Ireland's resurgent spirit and of her loyalty to the Old Faith, will form one of the brightest incidents in the struggle for national and religious freedom. Dr. O'Neill, then young in years, was one of the most distinguished professors in Ireland's national ecclesiastical college, Maynooth and of which he was Vice-President when recalled to his own Diocese a few years ago by the late Most Rev. Dr. Keane, first as Parish Priest of Bruff, later becoming Pastor of St. Munchin's.

TEA RATION.

According to Limerick grocers, the tea ration will not be affected—for some time to come, at any rate—by the recent arrival of a considerable quantity of tea. It is pointed out that the ration would have been reduced earlier were it not for the fact that the Government had made arrangements to have the stocks in the country increased. It is also stated that the new supply will need to be blended with a class of tea to which the people are accustomed. The hope is entertained, however, that it might be possible for the British Supply Department to increase the Irish ration, which is only 25 per cent. of the pre-war shipments, before the end of the year.

PRESENTATION.

In recognition of her great work as hon. secretary, the College Players have made a handsome presentation to Miss Gertie Moroney, who is shortly leaving the city to take up an appointment in London. Mr. Kevin B. Dinneen, who made the presentation on behalf of the Group, paid a glowing tribute to Miss Moroney's sterling worth and recalled how unselfishly she had striven for the success of the amateur stage in Limerick. Mr. James Gould also paid deserved encomiums to Miss Moroney, who was, he said, an inspiring influence to the College Players. In a neatly phrased speech, the guest of honour thanked the Players for their appreciation of her services and expressed the hope that the efforts now being made to establish in the city a theatre suitable for the production of living art would be crowned with success.

SARDONIC SMILES!

Some candidates for the Corporation—those who claim to be judges of human nature—state that they are not in the least deceived by the smiles bestowed on them in the course of their election campaign. These smiles, so they say, are more often than not sardonic ones and they quote: "Tis Envy's safest, surest rule, To hide her rage in ridicule." After all, these candidates may be super-sensitive. Perhaps, certain voters, feeling a little elated at first in consequence of being honoured by so many callers, have become a little tired and when one's nerves are overwrought pleasant expressions are not so easily sustained. Let us have some little consideration for the oft canvassed voter.