

BRIDGE FACILITY

Action Of Clare T.D.

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")
Dear Sir—Mr. Sean O'Grady, T.D., Clare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, writes me as follows under date June 9th:—

"A Clara. I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th instant regarding the necessity for the retention of the bridge erected by the military authorities at Castleconnell, and, in reply, I wish to state that I have to-day made representations in the matter to the appropriate authorities. It is, I am sure, to be expected that the bridge will be retained."

"SEAN O'GRADY, Minister for Industry and Commerce."
Mr. Sean Hayes, M.C.C., The Glen, Garrynaboy, Killaloe, writes that he will do all he possibly can to keep the bridge for his electors in the Shannon and the Castleconnell people.

Some people across the river object to some of the advantages I mentioned last week. Well, I can only quote the late Father Kennedy, P.P., Clonlara, who gave time, money and energy to try and bridge the Shannon here. He is quite good enough authority for your faithfulness.

SHANNONSIDER.
CLARE SUPPORT FOR RETENTION

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—With reference to the letters appearing recently in your journal from "Shannonsider" re the retention of the Military Bridge at Castleconnell, and also the remarks of Mr. John Mackey, M.C.C., at the Council meeting in support of its retention, allow me, on behalf of the Clare farmers and the people of the locality in general to fully endorse those remarks, because I feel that while the people concerned are 100 per cent. behind any action that may be taken in having the bridge retained very few think themselves fit to enter into correspondence concerning such matters. Therefore, I would like to point out that any action that may be taken by those in authority in support of the matter, while it may not be publicly applauded, is, nevertheless, deeply appreciated.

No doubt, "Shannonsider's" letters have given a fair idea of why a permanent bridge had not long ago been erected to bridge that huge gap between Limerick and O'Brien's Bridge, necessitating, for the sake of 100 yards of water, a journey of some eight or ten miles by road to get to the off side. Surely that is a matter that cannot be treated too lightly. He has also stated a clear case why the present bridge should be retained, i.e., to facilitate people who are dependent on turf as their winter's fuel, convenience to bus, railway, church, etc., not to mention the numerous advantages from the tourist point of view.

It may be premature to suggest that not only should the present bridge be retained, but no time should be lost when the opportunity presents itself of bringing pressure to bear on the County Councils on both sides, and I trust that the Irish Tourist Development Association will lend a helping hand in having this bridge converted into a proper horse and vehicle traffic bridge at the very earliest moment. It admirably lends itself to such conversion, with a most suitable approach at both ends.

Now that the first step to that long-needed project has been taken, I hope there will be no deviation until the full object has been achieved, and anything in the nature of a step in the opposite direction should not be tolerated.

WESTERN GAELS

Important Fixtures

Mr. Wm. Sheahan, vice-chairman, presided at a meeting of the Western Limerick Board of the G.A.A. held at Rathkeale on Monday evening. There was a very large attendance of delegates, with the following officials: Mr. Neville, treasurer; Mr. M. McCarthy and Mr. J. Brennan, secretaries.

The Secretary stated that the Abbeyfeale v. Ballyagran match, fixed for Newcastle West on 13th June, fell through, as Ballyagran were unable to field a team.

The match was awarded to Abbeyfeale.

Mr. P. Geoghagan, secretary of Glen Rovers Minor F.C., intimated that his club was withdrawing the objection lodged against Carrigerry. Consequently the latter go into the second round of the competition.

FIXTURES.

The following fixtures were made: 17th June, at Newcastle West—J.H. (second round)—Monegoy v. Newcastle West, at 2.15 p.m. J.H. (second round)—Dromcollogher v. Abbeyfeale, at 3.30 p.m. 17th June, at Rathkeale—J.H.—7th Motor Sq. Army v. Crough, at 2.15 p.m. J.H.—Cappagh v. Killynny, at 3.30 p.m. 24th June, at Ardagh—J.F.—Loughlin v. Tournafulla, at 2.30 p.m. J.F.—Glen Rovers v. Mountcollins, at 3.45 p.m. 24th June, at Ballygarry—J.H. (2nd round)—Feenagh v. Clonlara, at 2.15 p.m. J.F.—Eobanstown, at 2.15 p.m. J.F.—Eobanstown, at 2.15 p.m.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARY KELLY.

It is with very deep and sincere regret that we chronicle the demise of Mrs. Mary Kelly, relict of Mr. John Kelly, ex-N.T., which took place at her residence, Ballinacura, Limerick on Saturday morning.

The late Mrs. Kelly, a lady of many estimable traits of character, was the mother of a very distinguished family, four members of which have consecrated their lives to the Church. Rev. Peadar Kelly, C.S.Sp., now in Kenya; Rev. Michael Kelly, C.C., Newcastle West, and Sisters Ita and Lella, of the Holy Rosary Order, Nigeria.

The deceased was a lady of refinement and culture, affable, kind and charitable, and her demise, though not unexpected, as she had been in indifferent health ever since the death of her highly popular husband eight months ago, has occasioned widespread regret and sorrow.

We join with the general public in extending to the bereaved family our deep sympathy in their great loss.

The remains were removed on Saturday evening to St. Michael's Church, followed by a great concourse of mourners.

At 11 o'clock on Monday morning Solemn Requiem Mass was offered up for the repose of the soul of the deceased.

Very Rev. Canon Hannan, Vicar-Capitular, presided. Celebrant, Rev. M. Kelly, Newcastle West (son); deacon, Rev. J. Brassill, Adm., St. John's; sub-deacon, Rev. M. Brassill, P.P., Greenwich, London; master of ceremonies, Rev. P. O'Regan, C.C., St. Patrick's; chanters, Rev. Dr. Cowper and Rev. W. O'Grady.

In the sanctuary were:—Very Rev. Canon O'Neill, P.P., St. Munchin's; Very Rev. Canon Wallace, P.P., Kildimo; Very Rev. T. Canon Wall, Ballygarry; Rev. W. Creed, Rev. J. Moran, Rev. H. Fee, St. John's; Rev. J. White, Rev. R. O'Sullivan, Rev. M. Minihan, Rev. T. Lyons, Rev. M. O'Donnell, St. Michael's; Rev. P. Lee, P.P.; Rev. D. Costello, Rev. J. Kennedy, St. Mary's; Rev. G. McCarthy, C.C.; Rev. J. Godfrey, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev. M. Moloney, P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. J. Culhane, C.C., Adare; Rev. J. Wilmot, C.C., Ardagh; Rev. D. Rea, C.C., Askenaton; Rev. D. Houlihan, C.C., Ardpatrick; Rev. G. Wall, C.C., Banogue; Rev. P. McNamara P.P., and Rev. P. Murphy, C.C., Ballyagran; Rev. T. O'Sullivan, C.C., Bruff; Rev. M. Dunworth, P.P., and Rev. M. Crowley, C.C., Kilmee; Rev. G. Enright, C.C., Killynny; Rev. G. Father Rice, P.P., and Rev. D. Wall, C.C., Donoughmore; Rev. M. Kennedy, C.C., Athlone; Rev. J. Moloney, P.P., Fedamore; Rev. T. Culhane, C.C., Rev. D. Crowley, C.C., Kilmee; Rev. H. O'Connor P.P., Knockaderry; Rev. M. O'Brien, P.P., and Rev. J. Burke, C.C., Castlemahon; Rev. P. Lyons, P.P., Monegoy; Rev. E. Punch, P.P., and Rev. M. Conolly, C.C., Mungret; Rev. M. O'Grady, C.C., Newcastle West; Rev. J. Moloney, P.P.; Rev. J. O'Donnell, C.C., and Rev. J. Shannon, C.C., Parteen; Rev. D. O'Callaghan, C.C., Rathkeale; Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., Bruree; Rev. T. Cussen, C.C., Fynes; Rev. Fr. Tynan, Diocesan Inspector; Rev. Father Aloysius, O.F.M.; Rev. P. Kelly, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father Hurley, S.J.; Rev. Father Roche, S.J.; Rev. Dr. Harnett, C.S.Sp.; Rev. J. McCarthy, C.S.Sp.; Rev. T. O'Connor, C.S.Sp.; Rev. Father O'Keefe, C.S.Sp.; Rev. Father Fox, C.S.Sp.; Rev. Father O'Donoghue, C.S.Sp.; Rev. Brother Murray, Rev. Brother Andrews, and Community; Rev. J. Chawke, C.F.; Rev. E. O'Dea, Rev. D. Martin, President; Rev. D. O'Brien, Rev. M. Partill, Rev. M. Breen, Rev. H. Murphy, D.D., St. Munchin's College.

The chief mourners were: Rev. M. Kelly, C.C.; Rev. Peadar Kelly, C.S.Sp.; Sean Kelly, N.T.; Denis Kelly, N.T.; Tadgh Kelly, N.T.; G. A. Kelly (sons); Sister M. Ita, Sister M. Lella, Nigeria; Mrs. C. Brassill, N.T.; Miss May Kelly, Miss Alice Kelly (daughters); J. Trechy (brother), Mrs. Cummins (sister), P. C. Brassill (son-in-law), Mrs. S. Kelly, Mrs. D. Kelly, Mrs. G. A. Kelly, Mrs. T. Kelly (daughters-in-law).

The funeral, which took place at 1 p.m. to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, was of immense proportions, mourners having come from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect to a lady who had earned for herself the respect and esteem of all with whom she had come in contact throughout her long and busy life. A striking feature of the obsequies was the attendance of a big section of the pupils attending the Christian Brothers' Schools, under Rev. Bro. Murray, Superior, and other members of the Community.

GAMES AT HOSPITAL

At St. John's Park Hospital, on Sunday last, Kiltely and Knockaderry met in the first round of the Junior Hurling Championship. The game went on with true sportsmanship spirit for the greater part of the first half and a good attendance was treated to fast and lively exchanges. Kiltely, playing with a strong gale, were making the best of their advantages and had piled up a score of 3 goals 1 point to nil.

GAELS AND GAMES

(By "THOMOND").

Kerry, Abu!
None of us was surprised at Kerry's victory in the Munster football tie at our headquarters on last Sunday. But what surprised everyone was the fact that our footballers had the better of the game for 50 minutes. All G.A.A. critics on the Press hold that the senior game was particularly brilliant, and though Kerry ran easy winners, the score was by no means a fair indication as to the closeness of the game up to the last ten minutes.

Congratulations.
Now, it is a matter of congratulation for our footballers to hold such a famous team as Kerry in this code, even that they were overwhelmed in the closing stages. When you contrast the records of the two counties in this code since the beginning of the century it can be easily allowed that our homesters deserve praise instead of sympathy for last Sunday's display. Kerry has won 30 Munster Championships since 1903 and has annexed the highest honours for 5, 6 and 7 years, successively, while Limerick never secured a provincial championship since they followed with the All-Ireland in 1896 at Jones's Road, the Commercial's defeating Young Irelands (Dublin) by 1-5 to 0-7.

Two-Fold Victory.
It was a real Kerry day by the Shannon, as they believed a two-fold victory—seniors and minors. The victorious youngsters required extra time to defeat the Clare minors.

Our Supporters.
It is a pleasure to feel that our supporters were favoured with two such grand exhibitions of football. It is rarely we are favoured with such satisfactory and enjoyable displays in this code. There were many sparkling movements in the senior clash, which at times were brilliant. When a county advances at a game as Limerick has done lately in football, the subsequent inter-county clashes are always top-notchers. We have had such experiences in hurling. Let us hope that our players will not go down in "welding the cannon" as they advance in "toeing the leather."

Players.
McCarthy and Falvey were brilliant at centre-field, while Cox and E. McCarthy shone in our defence. Mackey, Stokes and Power (of hurling fame) were the pick of Limerick's forwards. Stokes was paid a great compliment on Sunday night's wireless as being titled one of the best men on the field. I like that praise of Dick, as he has stuck to the old county ever since his first figured on our pitches.

Tipperary For The Semi-Final.
Waterford's chances vanished when Jim Ware, due to an injury, was not able to resume for the second half. The play in the first half leads to this conclusion. At the end of 30 minutes' hurling Tipperary's scoring was nil, while Waterford was not much better, registering only two points. Water's goals, defied all Tipperary's efforts during the first period. My Limerick readers can picture such a dire mishap to a team, as if we lost Scunlan after the first half in the great Munster final v. Cork at Thurles, when he kept goals as they were never kept before, what would be the result? I am glad to learn from my friends in Thurles that Tipperary is coming into its own again. What a team they must have when they fielded only four of the young team that held Limerick in the Thomond semi-final. Their next clash against Cork in Thurles on the 1st of July will be one of the great clashes of the year.

Getting On.
The selector-in-chief of Clare team, Mick Hennessy, is making most of the time for getting his team fit to meet Limerick hurlers at Ennis on the 24th inst. They met the L.D.F. team on last-Sunday and came well out. This is a straight hint to our hurlers to lose no opportunity of getting up the pace and lasting the hour. There is great confidence of winning by the Dalcaasans and some of our Limerick supporters are getting nervous. I would not mind those rumours provided our hurlers are fit.

Limerick Team to Meet Clare.
The Limerick senior hurling team to play Clare at Ennis on Sunday, June 24th, in the Munster Championship, will be selected from the following:

Mick Mackey (capt.), J. Mackey, T. Ryan, J. Power, Sean Herbert, P. O'Shea, P. Kelly, F. Conway, T. O'Brien, M. Kennedy (Aim), D. Malone (goal), (Fedamore), Tim Larkin, P. O'Grady (Rathkeale), P. Cregan (Croom), P. McCarthy (Newcastle West), P. Fitzgerald (Askenaton), R. Stokes (U.C.D.), J. Ciohesy (St. Patrick's), D. McCarthy (Dromcollogher).

Fixtures for Sunday.
Limerick G.A.A. fixtures for Sunday next, 17th June, are as follows: At Limerick Gaelic Grounds—2.30 p.m., juvenile football final, Claugnaun v. Sarsfields, 3.45 p.m., Senior Hurling Championship, Abane (holders) v. Young Ireland, At Rathkeale—West Hurling Championship, Rathkeale v. Askenaton; Cappagh v. Killynny. At Newcastle West—West Hurling Championship, Tournafulla v. Knockaderry; Monegoy v. Newcastle West.

At Hospital—South Hurling

FARM IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME.

SEASON 1945/46.

The Minister for Agriculture is prepared to consider applications for grants under the above scheme in respect of farm improvement works which will be completed during the period 1st July, 1945, to 31st March, 1946.

Applications will be dealt with in the order of their receipt up to the limits of the money available. The scheme applies to all holdings devoted solely or mainly to agriculture, but preference will be given to applicants who earn their living solely or mainly by farming. Grants will be payable for approved works of the following kinds:

- (a) land reclamation and field drainage;
- (b) construction or improvement of watercourses;
- (c) construction or improvement of fences or removal of unnecessary fences which involve waste of grounds or impede cultivation;
- (d) improvement of farmyards, laying of concrete floors in offices, erection of concrete stall divisions and concrete feeding troughs in byres and the plastering of walls inside byres (construction or repair of buildings is excluded);
- (e) construction of concrete water tanks, liquid manure tanks, silos and concrete stands for corn stacks;
- (f) construction or improvement of farm roadways, and
- (g) construction of cattle enclosures to facilitate the manuring of farmyard manure.

Applicants should not begin improvement works under the scheme until they have been notified that the works proposed have been approved. Preference may be given to applicants carrying out reclamation and drainage work and to those who employ additional hired labour to carry out the improvements.

Subject to the conditions of the scheme, grants will be equivalent to 50 per cent. of the approved estimated cost of the labour required for improvement works.

Farmers residing in the Congested Districts, viz., in Counties Clare, Donegal, Galway, Kerry, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, in North West Connaught (Swanlinbar area) and in that portion of West Connaught scheduled as a congested district should apply to the Department's Local Officer for application forms and full particulars. Farmers in all other districts can obtain the requisite application forms and particulars direct from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Section 23 (4), Dublin, and should return the completed forms so as to reach the Department as soon as possible but, in any event, not later than 6th July, 1945.

D. TWOMEY, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, June, 1945. (16c)

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Public Assistance Department).

Limerick County Manager invites applications for the under-mentioned Nursing Posts at the County Hospital, Croom.

- 1. One Ward Sister (Nun of the Mercy Order).
- 2. One General Trained Nurse with Theatre experience.
- 3. One General Trained Nurse with C.M.B. qualifications.
- 4. One General Trained Nurse.

The salary scale attached to each post is as follows: 1. 296 per annum, increasing by annual increments of 15 to 416 per annum with an increment of 15 after three years, at 416, and a further increment of 15 after four years, at 431 per annum. 2. 3. 4. 475 per annum, increasing by annual increments of 15 to 595 per annum, with an increment of 15 after 3 years, at 590, and a further increment of 15 after 4 years, at 605 per annum.

In the case of post (3) 15 per annum will be allowed if the Nurse appointed is engaged in maternity work. Rations, apartments, fuel, light, laundry and uniform allowed in each case. Minimum age 21 years on 1st June, 1945.

Applications, accompanied by birth certificates, testimonials and certificates of qualifications, to be lodged with the undersigned not later than Thursday, 28th June, 1945.

In making the appointments the requirements of Local Officers (Irish Language) Regulations, 1941, will be taken into account. J. J. KING, Chief Officer, Public Assistance Offices, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, 13-6-45. (16c)

CLOTHES AND FOOTWEAR RATIONING

Traders are reminded that the 20th June is the latest date on which it will be possible for them to exchange their coupons marked "Eachday-Clothing" at Post Offices for Credit Vouchers marked "44". It is also the latest date on which they may forward odd lots of these coupons to the Department to be exchanged for Coupon-Equivalent Licences.



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