

HOCKEY NOTES

(By "THE COUNT").

Irish Senior Cup.

L.P.Y.M.A., 6; Constitution, 0.
Over enthusiasm and lack of direction in their rather wild hitting cost Constitution their Irish Cup chance on Saturday last at Ennis Road. Five minutes from the bully-off a centre from de Lacy was blocked by McNamara, who fumbled the clearance for Swain to nip in and score. Ten minutes after de Lacy got a fast goal from the edge of the circle and 30 minutes after Walnutt got a similar score. Just on half-time a penalty corner was netted by de Lacy to give "Young Men's" a 4-0 lead at the interval. On resumption Lilburn scored from a rebound and 20 minutes after de Lacy completed the scoring from a penalty corner. De Lacy, who scored three goals, suffered a rather severe facial injury in the first few minutes of the game.

Fixtures.

Irish Senior Cup, Saturday, Jan. 26th (North Munster Final)—L.P.Y.M.A. v. Millbrook, at Donogmore, at 3.15.

South Munster Final—Harlequins v. Wanderers in Cork.

The Munster final is expected to be played on February 2nd, in Cork.

LATE FATHER CASEY

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TRIBUTES OF SYMPATHY AND REGRET

At the meeting of Limerick Co. Committee of Agriculture, on Saturday last, Mr. P. Fitzsimons, Co. C., Chairman, at the outset, proposed that the deepest sympathy of the Committee be extended to the Bishop-Elect and clergy of the diocese, and to the bereaved relatives, on the tragic death of Rev. Father Casey, P.P., Askeaton. Deceased was an outstanding Churchman and his passing under such appalling circumstances was deeply deplored, not only by his parishioners but by the people of the whole diocese. The late Father Casey took a deep and abiding interest in the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people of the parish.

Mr. Dore, associating himself with the vote, said the whole country was shocked by the appalling occurrence. It had touched them all very deeply that such a deplorable occurrence should have caused the tragic end of one of their most esteemed pastors. The Catholic clergy and the fight for freedom had been so closely bound up in the past that the tragedy had touched the hearts of the whole country.

Mr. McAuliffe proposed votes of sympathy with Miss Dundon, of the Co. Council staff, on the death of her father, and to Mr. J. F. Ambrose, Acting Co. Surveyor, on the death of his son.

Mr. Hayes moved a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late John Leo, Baggotstown, Bruff, a well-known and esteemed figure in the national movement.

The resolutions were passed in respectful silence.

POSTMAN JAILED

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SENTENCE AT HOSPITAL COURT

A GREAT FIGURE

Death Of Popular Citizen

With very deep and sincere regret we record the death of a most estimable citizen in the person of Mr. Thade O'Connor, which took place at his residence, "Glencullen," Ennis Road, on Monday evening after a lingering illness.

The late Mr. O'Connor, one of the best known men in Limerick, was held in high esteem and regard throughout Munster. In his business transactions as a pig dealer he had opened up connections over a very wide area, but everywhere he went, North or South, East or West, he was received with a spontaneity that denoted deep and abiding trust. It could not be otherwise, for Thade O'Connor was a gentleman whose Catholic-Christian tenets could never allow him stray for one moment from the path of honour and rectitude. Truly, he was a great personality—great in the fact that his simple faith in his fellow man was deep-rooted, his whole life being permeated and actuated by one ideal—to do not merely justice to all, but something over and above.

The deceased was a member of a family—seven brothers and one sister (now a nun)—that has been a glory and a joy to Limerick. All the O'Connor boys distinguished themselves in the athletic arena, on the playing fields of Munster and as oarsmen. Thade, with his brothers, was a member of the Garryowen R.F.C. since his school days. In his youth he was one of the Club's most promising players and in his young manhood he was instrumental on many occasions in winning the coveted Munster Cup for his team, which he captained for different seasons. His fame as a centre three-quarter spread far and wide and, needless to say, he frequently figured on provincial selections. In the athletic arena he also distinguished himself and over forty years ago the name of Thade O'Connor was familiar up and down the country as a sprinter of a very high order. He was a founder-member of the Athlunkard Boat Club and in that connection it should be of interest to note that he was a member of the crew who won the first race—the Quin Cup—for the A.B.C.

But, perhaps, it was in his private life that the late Mr. O'Connor displayed his true greatness. Leading a life of simplicity, devoid of ostentation or anything savouring of humbug, he set an example worthy of emulation. A husband of rare qualities, he was a father of sympathy and dignity—traits that left their reflection in his conduct as a citizen. He has gone from our midst, but his memory will be long cherished. May he rest in peace.

We join with the general public in tendering heartfelt sympathy to the widow, children, brothers, sister and other bereaved relatives.

The remains were removed last evening to St. Munchin's Church, the attendance of mourners and general public being extremely large.

The funeral took place to-day from St. Munchin's Church at 12 o'clock, after Requiem Mass, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The cortege, of immense proportions, was representative of all classes and creeds.

HIGH STANDARD

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MOTOR HELD BACK

Charge Against Lorry Driver

How a motor car driven by a priest was held back by a lorry was described to District Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., at Askeaton Court on Monday.

Martin McNamara, Caheragh, Glin, was charged under the Road Traffic Act with driving a motor lorry on the wrong side of the road.

Supt. J. J. Cooney, Adare, prosecuted, and Mr. M. J. K. Dore, solr., Newcastle West, appeared for the defendant.

Rev. S. O'Byrne, C.C., Shanagolden, said that when driving to Limerick on 10th November he overtook a lorry just outside Askeaton. He got close up to the lorry and blew his horn with the intention of passing it out. The lorry, however, did not give him way. After pulling back to let some oncoming traffic pass witness made another attempt to get out but could not pass the lorry. He made several further attempts to get out and on three occasions got on a level with the middle of the lorry, but as he was being pressed into the right hand ditch he had to pull back again. During all this time witness kept his finger on the horn of his car, and he distinctly saw the mirror on the lorry. Eventually, after travelling about 12 miles behind the lorry, witness succeeded in getting out. He then got the number of the lorry and reported the matter to the Guards in Limerick.

Mr. Dore—You don't say there was a deliberate attempt on the part of the defendant to keep you behind?—It looked very much like it.

If defendant knew there was a car coming on behind he would certainly have given the road; didn't he eventually give you the road? He did after I had travelled about 12 miles behind him. I presume the reflector on the lorry was for the purpose of showing the driver what was coming on behind.

Mr. Dore said the facts were admitted. Defendant did not, of course, deliberately keep the car behind. The trouble was due to the fact that these lorries had been running since before the war and it was only with great difficulty that many of them were kept going at all. The result was that most motorists found it difficult to get out past lorries on the road.

The Justice fined defendant 10/- and said lorry drivers should realise that they were bound by law to give way to other users of the road.

CAPUCHIN ANNUAL

The latest issue of *The Capuchin Annual*, that for 1945-46, is now on sale, and, like its predecessors of recent years, it is in every respect a splendid publication. It is a fine collection of interesting and informative contributions on a variety of entertaining topics written by a brilliant galaxy of Irish writers. Consisting of over 500 pages of short stories, sketches, poems, articles, artistic illustrations and photographic reproductions, it is something that should make an appeal to every Irish family. A rich treasury of literature and art, it is no exaggeration to say of it, as has been said by *America*, the great Jesuit publication in the United States, that it is "breathlessly near perfection." Admirably

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