

AN APPRECIATION

(By S.O.C.)

Entering on its second week Feile Dramuidheacta na Scol was attended by large numbers of Limerick schoolchildren. Good plays rewarded these young theatre fans, who formed appreciative audiences on Monday and Tuesday nights with five well-acted plays and a very satisfying operetta.

Highlight on Monday night was the fine performance of "An Cuaird," a hilarious, breezy play by the pupils of Sexton Street O.B.S. A. O. Raighle and T. O. Murchadha proved their acting capabilities by their excellent adaptation to girlish parts, while D. O. Ceallaigh and E. O. Donnachada did well also.

A fine cast from Scoil Eoin Baiste presented the old favourite, the rollicking "Taidhbsi" (Ghosts). With a quick, even tempo the clever young actors brought it through three scenes successfully. Strong and clear enunciation were the qualities of S. O. Ciardha and S. O. Riain, while M. O. Laighlin, T. O. Mordha and L. O. Ceallachain were at home in their parts.

The actors from Scoil Mhuire Pearse's tender and religious miracle play, "Iosagain," well, there being much to like in the fine performance of all the actors.

On Tuesday night the quartette of well cast actors from St. John's Convent Schools were adequate in "Oidhce Bealtaine," a very pleasing little play. The four little players, E. ni Prender, P. ni Suilleabhain, C. ni Gailbhain and A. ni Maidin treated the poetic dialogue well.

Best fare of the evening was served up by the pupils of Scoil Seoirse with their fine acting of the delightful operetta, "Peitseoig"—a translation of "Peach Blossom." Georgeously costumed, they won the admiration of the audience and loud applause marked the final curtain drop.

P. Garand, in whose performance as "Peitseoig" the heroine, there was much to like, was presented amid prolonged applause with a present by Mr. M. Corr, on behalf of the Feile committee.

DEATHS.

CAHILL (Limerick)—March 12, 1946, at Mater Hospital, Dublin, John Cahill, late of Ashbourne Villas, Limerick, and Limerick Corporation Staff; to the inexpressible grief of his loving wife, daughter, sisters, and his many relatives and friends. R.I.P. Funeral from St. Michael's Church, Limerick, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery to-morrow (Thursday), March 14th, after 10 o'clock Mass. No flowers, please.

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O'SULLIVAN (Limerick)—March 13th, 1946, at his sister's residence, Ballysheedy, Liam O'Sullivan (late of 46 William Street). Deeply regretted by his sisters, brother-in-law and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to Mary, Queen of Peace Church, Janesboro, this (Wednesday) evening at 6.30 (S.T.). Requiem Mass to-morrow (Thursday) at 10 o'clock. Funeral at 2 o'clock same day to family burial ground at Abington.

The Justice said that on the facts of the case there appeared to be a doubt and consequently he would dismiss the case, but would fine the three men who were on the premises during prohibited hours 2/6 each.

William Frawley, 18, Thomas St., Limerick, was charged with the larceny of £232, the property of Mr. R. D. O'Brien, Upper William St., Limerick.

Mr. J. J. Power, State Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr., defended.

Mr. Power said that it would be a deposition case.

The Justice asked if it would be convenient to take it on Wednesday next when he would be holding a special court in connection with a case from the Pallas district.

Mr. O'Malley said it would make no difference to him, as his client was in custody, not having been able to obtain bail.

The case was accordingly adjourned to a special court on Wednesday next.

HUNTING

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS

The Co. Limerick Hounds will meet as under:—

Saturday, Mar. 16th ... Croom
Wed., Mar. 20th ... Creeves Cross
Friday, Mar. 22nd ... Bruree
Hour—12 o'clock (S.T.).

To finish the season. Followers are requested not to ride through cattle or ploughed lands.

CLARE HOUNDS

The Clare Hounds will meet as under:—

Thursday, Mar. 14th ... Quin
Monday, Mar. 18th ... Newmarket
Hour—1 p.m. (S.T.).

SCARTEEN HUNT

The Scarteen Hunt (The Black and Tans) will meet as under:—

Friday, Mar. 15th ... Ballyvistica
Tuesday, Mar. 19th ... Derk Gate
Saturday, Mar. 23rd ... Galbally
Tuesday, Mar. 26th ... Golden
Hour—12 o'clock (S.T.).

Followers are earnestly requested to avoid galloping through or near dairy cattle, winter wheat, etc., and to shut all gates on to roads.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN CAHILL

We regret to record the death in a Dublin hospital yesterday morning of Mr. John Cahill, deceased, who was for over 30 years a rate collector for Limerick Corporation, was an extremely popular citizen. He took a keen interest in the musical development of the city, and for many years was an indispensable member of the cast in local operettas and musical performances. He had a fine baritone voice and was an accomplished actor. The late Mr. Cahill was highly respected for his many excellent characteristics, and his death will be learned with much regret throughout the city. The funeral will take place to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery following Requiem Mass at 10 o'clock in St. Michael's Church on to-morrow (Thursday).

BLACK RABBITS CAUGHT

Black rabbits are becoming more numerous in Ogonnoloe and Killaloe. During the trapping season a goodly number were captured.

ing 5 years in the Berence Forces, and never had an accident before. He was after overhauling the truck, and was taking it on a test run. When he came to the Croom new road he wanted to swing round and come back on the old road. At that moment he saw in the reflecting mirror that the car was about 45 yards in the rear. He put out his hand to indicate he was turning, and then heard the screech of brakes, and the crash occurred. He heard no horn sounded.

Answering the Superintendent, the defendant said when he went to turn he put out his right hand, and then pulled into the left side of the road.

Superintendent—Wouldn't that be an indication that you were going to leave the car behind pass?—I do not think so. He was 45 yards away.

The Justice said there was not very much in the case. In view of the defendant's good record as a driver, he would dismiss the summons.

FILM "STARMS"

RECENT ACADEMY AWARDS

The following are the principal film awards for 1945 made in Hollywood on Thursday last, at the annual banquet of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science (writes our Film Correspondent—"E.C."):

Best Film—"Lost Week-End."

Best performance by actor—Ray Milland in "Lost Week-End."

Best performance by actress—Joan Crawford in "Mildred Pierce."

Best performance by actor in supporting role—James Dunn in "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn."

Best performance by actress in supporting role—Anne Revere in "National Velvet."

Best documentary film—"The True Glory."

Best direction—Billy Wilder for "Lost Week-End."

Best screen play—Charles Brackett and Billy Wilder for "Lost Week-End."

Best original song in films—"It Might Well Be Spring," written by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II.

The prizes are gold statuettes, and the awards are based on a vote taken among 12,000 persons employed in the film trade in U.S.A. The present awards cover the production year from August 1st, 1944, to July 31st, 1945. The statuettes are familiarly known as "Oscars," a nickname coined by Bette Davis.

Hereunder is a full list of the premier awards since the Academy was formed in 1928:—

Films—"Wings," "Broadway Melody," "All Quiet On The Western Front," "Cimarron," "Grand Hotel," "Cavalcade," "It Happened One Night," "Mutiny On The Bounty," "Louis Pasteur," "Emile Zola," "You Can't Take It With You," "Gone With The Wind," "Rebecca," "How Green Was My Valley," "Mrs. Miniver," "Casablanca" and "Going My Way."

Actors—Emil Jannings, Warner Baxter, George Arliss, Lionel Barrymore, Fredric March, Charles Laughton, Clark Gable, Victor McLaglen, Paul Muni, Spencer Tracy (twice), Robert Donat, James Stewart, Gary Cooper, James Cagney, Paul Lukas and Bing Crosby.

Actresses—Janet Gaynor, Mary

McMahon admitted that he was drunk on the night in question, and said he got into the car which they saw in the yard of the Commercial Hotel. The car was on an incline and ran backwards on to the street. None of them knew how to drive.

The Justice fined each man 5/- with 2/6 compensation for interfering with the car.

Ryan was fined 1/- for having no driver's licence.

The Justice dismissed the prosecution against Mulbrandon, saying he had been penalised in the damage to his car.

DRAMATIC TREAT

CASTLECONNELL GAELIC LEAGUE

On last Sunday night the Castleconnell Gaelic League Dramatic Class gave its most outstanding performance since its foundation over eleven years ago. Undoubtedly this class has lost many outstanding characters through emigration and employment elsewhere. Withal, it is putting it mildly to say that the class which produced a really difficult play on Sunday night were the most brilliant yet on the "boards" in Castleconnell.

The play produced was "Golden Priest" by Aodh De Blacam. It would be unfair to select any one character for his performance, but the laurels must be awarded to Mr. D. Quaid for his performance of Dr. Oliver Plunkett—the Golden Priest. It is understood that this dramatic class has three entries for Feile Luimnighe. "The Golden Priest," a 3-act Irish play entitled Aiseirighe Donnacatha, and "The Battle Eve of the Brigade"—a local composition. If they perform at the Feile as they did on Sunday last, they certainly will be a credit to Castleconnell.

Production was by Mhairtin MacCaba. Costumes and make-up by Miss Babe Hartigan who deserves the greatest credit for the manner in which she dressed the entire cast and the unstinted efforts made by her. Lighting was by Mr. W. Bradshaw, and scenery by Mr. D. Quaid. It is hoped to produce this play in Killaloe, Tulla, Sixmilebridge, etc., during Lent. Here's luck in their venture at the Feile.

DEATH OF MR. E. J. CRONIN

The death occurred in a Dublin Nursing Home yesterday of ex-Commandant E. J. Cronin. The deceased was prominently identified with the Independence movement and with stirring political events in 1932-'33, when he was Director General of the Blue Shirt Organisation. He was married to Miss McMahon, sister of Mr. Hugh McMahon and Messrs. James McMahon and Sons, timber merchants, Limerick, who died in England some years ago. Commandant Cronin resided in England up to ten days ago, when he came to Dublin for medical treatment.

Pickford, Norma Shearer, Marie Dressler, Helen Hayes, Katherine Hepburn, Claudette Colbert, Bette Davis (twice), Luise Rainer (twice), Vivien Leigh, Ginger Rogers, Joan Fontaine, Greer Garson, Jennifer Jones and Ingrid Bergman.

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