

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS NIX, MEELICK.

The funeral of Mr. Thomas Nix, Stonepark House, Meelick, whose death occurred on Saturday, August 31st, took place on Monday. The remains were interred in the grounds attached to the Meelick Church, in which his father, Mr. Robert Nix, D.C., was the first to be buried in 1811, a privilege accorded by the late Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, and since generally extended.

Rev. W. Nix, C.C., Mount Merrion, Dublin officiated at the Requiem High Mass, which was attended by some fifteen other clergy and a vast concourse of the laity. Perhaps not since the funeral of his uncle Tom, who was killed by his own horse in 1886, was there such a mourning assemblage, an occasion on which, in order to allow the cortege to deploy, the funeral had to be diverted into a longer route.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. Kathleen Nix (wife), Rev. W. Nix, C.C., Mount Merrion, Dublin; Robert, Thomas, James and Joe Nix (sons); Mrs. Walsh, Cahur; Mrs. Normoyle, Croom; Nellie and Peggy Nix (daughters); Maureen and Maureen Nix (daughters-in-law); Mr. F. Walsh and Mr. T. Normoyle (sons-in-law); Dr. J. Humphreys, Dr. E. Humphreys, Dr. F. Humphreys, T. D. J. Humphreys, Murroe; T. Humphreys, Dublin; R. Frost, J. O'Dwyer, Cashel (brothers-in-law); T. J. Nix, Dublin; J. A. Nix, Dr. E. Nix, Arthur Nix, I.L.H., New Ross; Robert and Charlie Nix, Clonagh; Mrs. MMahon, Councillor Mrs. Nix, F.C., Dublin; Messrs. T. J. and E. Nix, Limerick; J. Nix, Dublin (cousins).

The attendance of the general public was so large that it would be utterly impossible to give anything like a complete list.

AN APPRECIATION.

Mr. Thomas Nix, Stonepark House, Meelick, whose death has removed, was in many ways a remarkable human landmark. His father, the late Mr. Robert Nix, was a rare combination of sudden and surprising sally, wit and humour, on a basis of the soundest common sense, and although it is 36 years since his passing his memory is still green. To carry on such a legacy was an exacting liability for his only son, but "Tom" as he was popularly known by reputation, if not personally, by thousands in Co. Clare, Limerick City and County, and Co. Tipperary discharged it without ever challenging an invidious comparison. His popularity was due to his essentially good nature and shrewd understanding. He never forgot a friend nor an enemy. The latter he remembered only to forgive. He could afford to. One of the most extensive landowners, and one of the largest employers of agricultural labour in the North Munster area, he never made the slightest pretension to "side" under any of its thousand and one subtle disguises. He enjoyed an immense popularity, some of it derived from his father, who had all the quizzical drollery of a Stephen Leacock, much of it attributable to his own personal qualities, but "Tom" Nix never capitalised in on behalf of any fad or caucus. His father was of the founders of the old Limerick Leader after the death of Parnell, but though "Tom" himself took no very deep interest in politics, he was a regular reader of the daily Press, plus the Limerick Leader. A strikingly handsome man, with noble and finely chiselled Roman features and a dignified presence, his was an arresting figure in any gathering. His thick mop of curling brown hair (this and not his banking account was the only thing I envied him!) remained all but unsilvered to the end. In many ways he worthily carried on a fine tradition. His native place will be the poorer for his loss, and it will be long ere thousands cease to miss him.

MASTER DENIS BARRY.

It is with deep and sincere sympathy that we chronicle the recent death of Master Denis Barry, Park View House, Limerick, as a result of a drowning accident. Son of Mr. Patrick E. Barry and Mrs. Una Barry, the boy had attained his fifth year of age. The high esteem in which the parents and family are held was reflected in the large and representative attendance at the funeral, which took place on the 21st ult. to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. Numerous were the letters and telegrams of regret received at the home of Master Barry. The City Council also passed a resolution of condolence with the deceased's parents, whilst amongst the letters of sympathy was one from the Rev. Mother and Community at Broadstairs, Kent, where an elder sister of deceased recently joined the novitiate.

The chief mourners were: Patrick E. and Una Barry (parents); Anne, Jeanne, Una (sisters); Frank, Paddy, Bobby (brothers); Mrs. May O'Leary, Rathkeale and Miss Eileen Fox (aunts); Mrs. Brendan Barry, Miss Cricca Barry, E. J. Prendergast, William Prendergast, John O'Leary, C.E.; Edmund and Daniel Barry, Algernon Sexton, John J. Foley, James O'Halloran, Mrs. G. Roberts, and Gerard Collins (relatives).

Wreaths were sent by the following: "Mummy and Daddy"; "Brothers and Sisters"; "Auntie May, Uncle John and family"; "Auntie Kitty, Uncle Brendan and family"; Maureen Collins; A. J. and Mrs. Sexton; Manager and Staff, Employment Exchange; "Tim, Dick and Gus."

Telegrams—Kirby family, Knocklong; Eileen and Arthur Ormsby; Tony McCarthy; Joe and Maureen Barry; Marie and Donald O'Dwyer; Anne Foley; Commandant Sean and Molly Brennan; Gamble family; Jim Savage, Manchester; Misses Slattery; James Larkin; Uncle Brendan; Nellie and Biddy Nugent; Kathleen and Alice Feely; Frank and Bob Wrixon; Pauleen McEnery; Tom Kelly; Paddy and Betty Griffin; Uncle Johnny and Auntie Marie; Mrs. Edith Harrington, Manchester; Arthur Hilton; Pat Scanlan; Ryan family; Cappamore; Stephen Coughlan; Pauleen and Tom O'Connor; Paul O'Sullivan; Lana O'Connor; Mrs. Meany and family, Dun Loaghraire.

Letters of sympathy from Rev. Mother Veronica Grant, Broadstairs, Kent; His Worship, the Mayor and City Council; Mrs. Tess Murphy; Major Gen. and Mrs. M. Hogan; Rev. Mother Mary Stanislaus; Miss Rose Kivlehan; Miss M. Mulqueen; Miss Kathleen Hogan; Ivan and Millie Harris; Joe Lucy, Rineanna; Joe Casey and family; Terence Deere; Tessie O'Halloran; Dr. Sarah O'Malley; Tot Collins; Rev. Fr. Meany S.J., Clongowes; Mrs. Julia Hartigan; Minnie Lynch; Tom and Kitty Taffe; Mrs. Rose O'Toole; Joseph A. Lennon and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Russell; Mrs. Eugene Mathews; George Barry, Eirri; Michael

ODDS AND ENDS

In Reply To "Croom Passenger"

(By AN MANGAIRE SUGACH).

One of the most nerve-shattering features of the late war was the explosion of the delayed action bomb. I felt like the victim of such an explosion, when, on opening the "Leader" last week, I saw a poem addressed to my humble self, from a correspondent signing himself "Croom Passenger." It took me to task for much of what I had said in this column some seven or eight weeks ago about the new bus terminus.

Now, if I had seen that poem the week after writing "Revels At The Railway," when all my best arguments against the change were fresh in my memory, I might have written an answer that would have completely convinced the poet from "Croma an t-Subhachais" of the rightness of my views. As it is I have forgotten most of what I said on that occasion, so I take it from my "Croom Passenger" that I said all the things he said or could it be she said? I said:

If I had the gift of song that belonged to the original "Mangaire Sugach," I'd write a clever freagra (reply) in answer to my unknown poet's "correspondent's" verses. However, I dedicate the following lines to "Croom Passenger," sympathising with him on all he suffered in the downpours in Sarsfield Street, and congratulating him on the change to the Railway Station, where he can wait for his bus high and dry, and in out of the rain.

CASE FOR THE DEFENCE

If "Croom Passenger" will give me a hearing, I have no fearing but that I'll show. That life was brighter and far more cheering, on queuing evenings not long ago. For 'twas more than once that I stood in queues, And I think my views should have some weight; And if "Croom Passenger" travelled daily, Oh, I'm fairly sure he'd rue his fate.

In Sarsfield Street if the night was rainin', There was no remain' in the queue; All left their places, and in helter-skelter They sought for shelter, as sane men do. But our "Croom Passenger" remained behind, Not quite resigned to the rain and sleet; Around his famished bones were sodden clothes— Oh! what a dose—and with frozen feet!

So small wonder then that to his seeming All beauty's meaning meant naught at all, And the noble bridge—a city's treasure— In his small measure a bare stone wall. And "a grove of trees" is not worth mention, And I am thinkin' of lines I know, And Kilmer who wrote that fools make poems, But God alone makes a tree to grow.

'Twas not ev'ry night the rains were pourin', Or winds were roarin' down Sarsfield Street; 'Twas not ev'ry one that the cycle's bell Or the petrol smell knocked off his feet. "Croom Passenger" is somewhat misleading, His letter's reading makes that quite clear; For queuing he thinks is now all over, But that's not so as you'll all agree. Oh! you should hear at the Railway Station, Women wailing as they struggle in, In Sarsfield Street, in no uncertain terms, They wished to heavens they're back again. Now "Croom Passenger" these lines I'm endin', And I'll just mention a final fact, That nine out of ten deplore this change— "An Mangaire" fein is sure of that.

TYPHOID INCIDENCE IN LIMERICK

The analysis of a special report by Dr. James Deeney, F.R.C.P.I., Chief Medical Adviser to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, indicate a higher yearly average of typhoid cases in the western counties of KERRY, Limerick, Galway and Donegal, than elsewhere in Ireland.

Over the past three years Limerick is shown to have had an average of 20.0 cases; Kerry had 40.3; Galway 32.7; and Donegal 20.0.

The incidence of the disease is also demonstrated to be greater in County Boroughs, which showed an average of 43.7 cases a year, and towns of 1,500 to 5,000 inhabitants with 40.7 cases a year. Eighteen per cent. of all typhoid cases occurred in institutions and the incidence amongst the 17,000 people in institutions is 37 times as great as amongst the general population. Conclusions drawn in Dr. Deeney's report are that the disease has shown regular epidemiological features during the three years, the danger of transmission by persons who previously suffered from the disease and are not suspected to be carriers is demonstrated, and the control of such carriers is discussed.

GOOD CROPS IN KILLALOE

In the Killaloe area, writes our correspondent there, very little damage has been done by the heavy rain which fell recently. The wheat crop is now being reaped without much difficulty, and within the past week much of the oat crop has been cut and stooked. Everywhere throughout the district a good harvest is predicted, as the weather is now favourable and fully availed of. There is an excellent potato crop which has, so far, escaped the blight.

Doolin; E. Rutledge; Willie Walpole; Miss Margaret Byrnes; David Hogan, Adare; Doris and Jack McNamara; John R. O'Connor; Miss O'Connor, Charleville; Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Rathkeale; Mrs. N. Monahan, Ennis, M. Fitzpatrick, Cork; Joan, Brendan and Paddy McEnery, and P. J. Hogan, Cork; City Manager and Corporation Staff.

GARDENING

Blue Hydrangeas

Hydrangeas appear to do well in Limerick. They are beautiful late summer and autumn flowers, and we are lucky in the milder parts of the country where this shrub does so well. In colder districts people try to grow it by housing the plants during the winter, but here they flourish out of doors all the year round. They make beautiful plants in 5 inch pots, one plant and one big bloom per pot. These are grown from cuttings which are generally inserted one in each 3 inch pot during August. When rooted, they are potted off into 5 inch pots and flowered in them the following spring or early summer.

To obtain the maximum sized flowers in such small pots the plants are fed with liquid manure once or twice per week from March until the colour shows in the flower. The feeding then stops but the plants will continue to require copious supplies of plain water. When the blooms are over the plants are either planted out permanently into the shrubbery or they are plunged in the pots in soil outdoors, and flowered again the following year in bigger pots. Most people are familiar with the pink varieties and every grower's aim at some time is to possess a blue one. The blue colours may be induced into the pale pink varieties more than the deep pink kinds. If one purchases a blue hydrangea and plants it into limy ground it will probably go pink the following year, but where the soil is not limy there is a good chance that it will remain blue.

To make pinks blue try out the following methods: 1. Dissolve a tablespoonful of alum in a gallon of soft water and use 12 hours afterwards. 2. Dissolve one tablespoonful of salpêtre and a half a tablespoonful of oxide of iron in three gallons of water and use 24 hours afterwards. Use a half pint of either twice a week on small plants, from the time plants begin to need plenty of water, say, from March. Keep the mixtures in corked bottles. 3. Put up the rooted cuttings into 5 inch pots, using a compost made up of 6 parts of loam, one of decayed manure, 1 part of iron filings, and sufficient sand to make the compost open.

ARUM LILIES. Arum, or Easter, lilies require to be potted now. Shake all the soil from the roots, clean away all suckers and bulbs from the corns and cut any decaying ends off them. Then re-pot them in new soil, using a compost composed of equal parts of loam, cow manure and coarse sand. Pot one in a six-inch pot, three in a nine-inch pot, or five in a ten-inch pot or a butter box. Soak the plants after potting and stand them out of doors until frost threatens, when they should be housed in an unheated glasshouse or light-some window. They will do with slight heating during frosty weather and should flower from Christmas to Easter, and later. They are very subject to green fly and spotted wilt and should not be grown in the same house as tomatoes. The green fly can be kept in check by fumigating with tobacco shreds or by singing the plants with a nicotine wash. Water sparingly until March, but copiously from then until June, when the pots may be stood out in the open or the plants could be knocked out of the pots and the plants heeled into the ground until August, when they are re-potted again.

Some people leave them in the pots and feed them well with liquid manure until July when they then turn the pots on their sides to dry off the plants before re-potting in August. The small corns or suckers can be potted up several in each pot and grown on for a year or two until they become big enough to flower. CHRYSANTHEMUMS. Continue to take off side shoots and disbud the chrysanthemums. Indoor as well as the early flowering plants will require this. To have good sized flowers on the decorative or "double" class only the top bud on each stem should be allowed to develop, but for sprays and for singles, allow three to five buds to grow on the top of each shoot, all the other buds and side-shoots should be kept picked off. It is too soon yet to house indoor chrysanthemums whether in pots or not. Do not put them in the glass-house until the 1st week in October at the earliest. If they are planted in the ground, they can then be raised and planted in the soil in the glass-house or put into pots, and the pots stood in the glass-house for a few days until the plants recover when they can be brought into the living house for indoor decoration. Of course, for this work it is far better to grow the plants in pots all the time, and they then won't lose any of their bottom leaves by the check of potting. Chrysanthemums should be left out in the open until the colour shows in the buds and then they should have abundance of air when they are brought in; otherwise, the close atmosphere of the glasshouse in contrast to the outdoor conditions, will be too sudden and they will develop mildew and lose many of their bottom leaves. Some varieties of chrysanthemums lift with a good ball of roots and soil attached, while others are very bad lifters. The latter are helped by nurserymen, who grow them by potting them into wire pots before planting them out. The wire pots then hold the balls of soil on the plants at the time of lifting. When housing chrysanthemums by planting in the tomato borders they may be planted fairly closely together, especially where they are only required for cut blooms, but where they are housed in pots to be used as pot plants they must be given sufficient space to allow light and air between them, so that all the bottom leaves are retained. Plants in pots without bottom leaves are ugly no matter how good the flowers are. Heeled plants ought to have their foliage syringed with clean water daily until the plants re-root and have become established in their new situation.

Onions for planting out next March or April should be sown now in open ground in lines one foot apart. It is my experience that the following varieties give the least numbers of bolters—Reliance, Ebenezer and Autumn Queen. It is not wise to sow these varieties before September the 10th, or a fair per centage of them will bolt, but if they are not sown soon after the 10th they will be too weak to stand the cold and wet of the winter months. Ground after potatoes without further manuring would be an ideal site for sowing them. Get strawberry runners planted

ON THEIR KNEES!

Men In Licensed Premises

WHAT SERGEANT SAW

At Shanagolden District Court, on Wednesday, before Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J., Thomas Cribbin, licensed trader, Shanagolden, was charged with a breach of the licensing laws on Sunday, 23rd June, at 10 p.m., when two men were alleged to have been found on the premises. Supt. M. McKenna, Newcastle West, prosecuted, and defendant was represented by Mr. M. E. Noonan (Messrs. P. T. Linton and Co., solicitors), Rathkeale.

Sergeant Garvey, in evidence, said that at 10 p.m. on the Sunday night in question he knocked at the kitchen door of the premises, and was admitted, by the licensee's wife. When asked if there was anybody on the premises, she replied that there was none. The licensee, when questioned, also said there was no one on the premises. Witness then proceeded to examine the yard and out-offices. Whilst in the yard he saw a man looking out a window of a room on the ground floor. He then went back to the premises and told the publican he had seen the man in the room. The licensee didn't make any reply, and witness then went into the room where he saw a man on his hands and knees behind an article of furniture. There was also a second man in a crouching position behind a chair. When asked to account for his presence on the premises, one of the men gave no explanation. The other man said he came in for a drink and didn't get it. Justice That was his grievance, I suppose.

The Sergeant added that the licensee said he could not account for the presence of the men, as they had been admitted by his wife.

NOT ON THEIR KNEES.

Mr. Noonan—The men were found in the parlour, and when they saw the Sergeant they went on their knees to say an aspiration that he wouldn't come into their (laughter).

Mr. Noonan added that the two men were neighbours of the licensee, and they weren't the type of men that go hunting for drink.

Sergeant Garvey Well, I wouldn't say that.

Mr. Noonan said the men were unable to gain access to a travelling cinema show in the village, and Mrs. Cribbin let them into the parlour. They had got no drink when the Sergeant came in.

Supt. McKenna said there was a previous conviction against the licensee in 1944.

The Justice said he would fine the licensee £2 without a record.

The Superintendent said one of the men found on the premises was previously fined for being found on the same premises. In the circumstances he would ask for an exemplary penalty on the men.

Justice—In a way the men are more to blame than the publican, and I will fine them 10/- each.

A DRIVER'S BADGE.

Thomas Stack, Loughill, was summoned under the Road Traffic Act for failing to deliver up his driver's badge on the expiration of his licence.

Supt. McKenna said the case was not a very serious one, but was being brought as a warning to others.

The Justice said he would let the defendant off under the Probation Act.

On being informed by Supt. McKenna that there was no objection by the Garda.

The Justice said that he would renew all the publicans' licences, as well as the applications for the renewal of dance hall licenses in the area.

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