

OBITUARY

MR. J. O'BRIEN, KEEPER VIEW TERRACE.

It is with sincere regret that we chronicle the death of Mr. James O'Brien, Keeper View Terrace, an old resident of St. Mary's Parish, which took place on Thursday, January 2nd.

The deceased had reached an advanced age, and his passing is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends, especially those in the pig dealing business, with which he was connected for half a century. The late Mr. O'Brien was possessed of many fine qualities of head and heart, and was deservedly popular amongst all classes. To his family and relatives we extend our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

The funeral, which took place on Friday, January 3rd, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, was of very large proportions, and expressed the sympathy felt for the family of the deceased in their sorrow. R.I.P.

The chief mourners were—John O'Brien (son), Mrs. Cooney, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Barry, Christina O'Brien (daughters); Sean, Joe and Eugene O'Brien, Jack Cooney, John Lynch, Gerard Lynch, May Cooney, Breda Sammon, May and Kitty Lynch, Olive, Joan and Helen O'Brien (grandchildren); Jack Cooney, Tom Barry, Gerard Lynch (sons-in-law); Mrs. Mary O'Brien (daughter-in-law); Mrs. D. O'Brien and Christina O'Brien (nieces); Anthony O'Brien (nephew).

The clergy present were Rev. Fr. Lee, P.P. (who officiated at the graveside); Rev. Fr. Costelloe, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Kennedy, C.C.

American papers, please copy.

MRS. ROCHE, SAND MALL, LIMERICK.

The death of Mrs. Mary Roche, 15 Sand Mall, Limerick, which took place on January 2nd, has occasioned profound sorrow and regret. The deceased was wife of Mr. John Roche (formerly Caretaker, Athlunkard Boat Club). A lady of many charming qualities, she was held in high esteem by a very wide circle of friends. She was an old and respected member of St. Mary's Parish. The funeral, which took place on Saturday to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, was of very large proportions, testifying to the warm affection entertained for deceased and her family.

Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church by Rev. Father Lee, P.P., who also officiated at the graveside, assisted by Rev. Father Costelloe, C.C., and Rev. Father Kennedy, C.C.

The chief mourners were—John Roche (husband); Mrs. J. Butler (daughter); Paddy, Eily, Philomena, Josephine and Marie (grandchildren); John Butler (son-in-law). Amongst the numerous Mass cards sent were those from the members of her family in New York, viz.: Michael, Martin, Robert (sons); Mrs. P.O. Dwyer (daughter); John Roche (grandson); May, Loretta and Gwendolyn O'Dwyer (grand-daughters).

Many letters and messages of sympathy were received, one of which was from the Athlunkard Boat Club, also from the organist and members of the Franciscan Choir. American papers, please copy.

MR. JOSEPH WHITE, RATHKEALE.

It is with very deepest regret I here record the demise of Mr. Joseph White, which took place on New Year morning at his residence, New Road, Rathkeale (writes M.M.). The late Mr. White had what I may truly term a very varied and energetic career, not alone from a business point of view, but from a sporting one as well. When the Rathkeale Poultry Society was established by the late Monsignor O'Donnell, the late William Dore Power was placed as manager over it, while Mr. White acted as a very capable business assistant. When the Society dissolved Mr. White took over the line himself, and all throughout the entire of West Limrick, as a poultry dealer and egg merchant, he was a very well known trader, ever upright and honest in all his various business transactions. In conjunction with this line, he went in extensively for pig rearing, oftentimes having a herd of 50 at the time.

As a greyhound owner, Mr. White was a well-known figure in all our coursing and racing arenas. From time to time he bred and produced some outstanding stock. Through Rathmore Lass he imparted to the doggie world the rarest and choicest of classic winners. From her came Blair Blue, who littered a runner-up of the Irish Cup. This candidate also had a nomination for the Waterloo Cup, not run through the condition of the sod through frost then existing for many days. He also bred Ball-Bearing, runner-up of the Waterloo Plate. One of the pups, sold to an Australian syndicate, won the Melbourne Cup. He was also responsible for the introduction of some English classic blood by his purchase of a very well known sire, Mingo. This sire, crossed with Rathmore Lass, produced five winners in the one brood. By his death, the business and doggie worlds are now very much the poorer. His son, John White, is replacing him as a trainer, and so far is a very successful and painstaking lad to all those who entrust him with their greyhounds.

PREPAID WIRES

For Stirring Up L.G.D.

CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

When Mr. D. Blackwell, Secretary, stated at a meeting of Clare County Council on Wednesday, in reply to a question, that there had been an acknowledgment but no definite statement from the L.G. Department in regard to increased payments of salaries to certain attendants in the Clare Mental Hospital, Mr. T. Gardiner said that the Ennis Urban Council had instructed their Clerk to send a prepaid telegram to the L.G. Department every day when there was delay in the answering of correspondence. He proposed that the Clare Co. Council follow that example. The least they should have done was to answer the resolution in regard to the Mental Hospital attendants. It would be good manners anyway.

The Secretary (Mr. Blackwell) said he thought all resolutions had been replied to.

Mr. P. Hogan asked what would the position be if the auditor came along and surcharged the members for the telegrams.

Mr. Gardiner said the members should take a chance on that.

Mr. G. Griffin remarked that the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs may give the Council a specially reduced rate for the telegrams.

Mr. Hogan said he would not agree to the course suggested but if Mr. Gardiner agreed that the Council proposed no more resolutions he would agree to that.

Mr. Gardiner said when a reasonable time elapsed and they received no reply from the Department, the telegrams should be sent daily.

The Secretary asked what would a reasonable time be and Mr. Gardiner replied "A week," and added that thirty-two Councillors coming to Ennis for meetings deserved more than an acknowledgment of their resolutions.

Mr. Lillis seconded Mr. Gardiner and said a few telegrams would do no harm but might wake up the Department a bit.

Mr. Gardiner said there were some extraordinary delays. The appointments of a Home Assistance Officer and a District Court Clerk had been in abeyance for two years. It looked as if they had not at the moment anyone to fill these positions.

Mr. Hogan said the Council should not make themselves ridiculous by sending prepaid wires. They should not follow blindly the order made by another public body.

Mr. T. Harvey suggested sending the Department "an unstamped letter" and it might wake them up.

Further discussion resulted in the Council referring the matter to the Deputies for the county, who include An Taoiseach, Mr. de Valera.

BOXING

MUNSTER V. LEINSTER

Local boxing enthusiasts have an interesting bill of fare to whet their appetites in the meeting of Munster and Leinster selections in the Savoy Cinema on next Sunday night. Two years have elapsed since representatives from these provinces matched their boxing skill in the Savoy stage, and the occasion is well remembered for the Munster debacle—the only "home" winner being Paddy McGrath, of the St. Francis Club. It is a much stronger Munster side this term, and though the Leinster men are reckoned in the highest class of Irish amateur boxing, nevertheless, the bouts on next Sunday night should be thrilling and evenly contested.

In the feather-weight class, Munster will rely on J. Murray, of Glen B.C., Cork, the Munster champion and this year's international representative. He is meeting the Co. Dublin champion of 1946, P. McDonald (St. Andrew's). In the light-weight division the Glen club supplies D. O'Shea, the Munster champion, and he is pitted against the Co. Dublin champion, R. Walsh. One of the most colourful personalities in recent years is T. Hyde (Sunnyside B.C., Cork), and a very useful welter-weight. He is the present Munster champion, and this year's international representative. He meets a coming A.B.A. "champ" in the 18 years old G. Scanlon, who put up a great fight with the Welsh representative the other night. Scanlon was Irish junior champion last year. Eamonn Andrews' voice has been heard over the ether from Radio Eireann in running commentaries on various boxing contests. Now he will appear in person in Limerick when he dons the gloves against Tommy McNamee, the Munster champion, from Glen, Cork. Andrews, as a one time junior champion, has proved himself a very useful exponent of the code, and in this middle-weight contest meets a worth opponent.

Soccer followers will remember that McNamee appeared on the Limerick soccer team this season and was a scorer on his first outing. Most of the local interest will be centred on P. McGrath, of St. Francis B.C., in a middle-weight contest against the junior champion, J.

RUGBY NOTES

(By N.M.)

The lull seems to have set in before the storm, as the past few weeks and the next few seem, to the Limerick enthusiast, to be almost devoid of interest. The nights have not lengthened sufficiently to give the average working man the opportunity to train, but by degrees the spring is approaching, and with this, ample time for donning the togs before tea.

Final Irish Trial.

Main interest is centred on the final Irish Trial, to be played at Lansdowne Road, on to-morrow (Saturday). Scrum-half E. Strathdee (Queen's University), and centre H. Greer (N.I.F.C.) have declared off, and while Greer's place has been allocated to J. Blaney (U.C.D.), the scrum-half berth is still vacant. Blaney has come into the limelight with terrific displays against Cardiff during the weekend, both with U.C.D. and Beccive on Saturday, and with a County Dublin selection on Monday.

Whether Cullen (U.C.D.), whose display in the same matches has labelled him a class scrum-half, or Egan (Corinthians) or Nolan (Blackrock) will be given the remaining position remains to be seen. I have not seen Cullen in his class games, but his display against Garryowen on Sunday week was nothing out of the ordinary. It may be remembered that he was replaced by Geobegan at half-time, as his deliveries were not very brisk. But from National critics come the headlines: "Cullen's Brilliant Display"; therefore, he must be something out of the ordinary, or perhaps just a flash in the pan. This, again, remains to be seen. Certainly, on their displays in Limerick, none of these three players showed international class.

It may be that for the final choice the selectors will rely on H. de Lacy (Harlequins and Garryowen) if Strathdee is not fit for the French game. H. de Lacy was injured in the Munster-Leinster game, and was unfit when invited to play for the Rest of Ireland against Combined Universities. He was selected for the Irish XV during war-time internationals, and his present form across the Channel has attracted much attention.

Garryowen For League Final.

On Saturday last a fair sized attendance appeared in the Markets Field for what is usually considered the "Local Derby." But the display of Garryowen and Young Munster (the former winning by 16 pts. to 3 pts., and thereby earning the right to represent the Northern section in the final of the League) did not encourage support. With the exception of a few bursts by the Garryowen backs, there was little else of note. Both sets of forwards seemed to be listless, and were not over anxious to work hard in the tight or get in combined forward rushes. That both packs were under strength is granted, but why this unhealthy state of affairs in January? When players have not the opportunity of training during the week, they should not let slip by excellent opportunities to run the Christmas staleness out of their system.

Again, it must be brought forcibly before players that they owe a duty and respect to their captains. It is heart-rending to see a captain trying to patch up a full fifteen, five minutes before a game, because three or four gentlemen failed to notify either him or the team secretary of their inability to turn out, or notified them at the last moment.

Week-End Fixtures.

Garryowen travel to Galway on Sunday to meet University College. **Garryowen**—J. Staunton, J. Nestor, M. Curtin, P. Quilligan, J. Harris, P. Reid, S. O'Dea, S. McNamara, J. Maher, L. McKeown, R. Laffan, T. Reid, J. O'Connor, M. Hayes, C. Roche.

Players, please note that cars leave Catholic Institute at 10.15.

The first round of the Munster Junior Cup between Richmond and Young Munster takes place on Sunday, Thomond Park, at 3 p.m. The junior clubs have been hardest hit by the recent weather conditions, and may be under-trained for the next few weeks. Richmond are holders of the cup, and may safely be considered money-on for Sunday's encounter.

A friendly fixture has been arranged between St. Mary's and Presentation at Corbally, on Sunday, at 1 p.m. On to-morrow (Saturday) Garryowen III engage Crescent College at the latter's ground at 3 p.m.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

C.B.A.I., LIMERICK BRANCH

A ten table Mitchell tournament was played on 3rd January. The boards were extremely interesting, as several slam hands turned up. The winners were:—

- N.S.—1, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Hannan, 123; 2, Miss Burns and Mr. Creviston, 101.
- E.W.—1, J. Gubbins and M. V. Fitzgerald, 112; 2, Mrs. Moloney and Mrs. Kerrison, 108.

POINTS TABLE.

- 50—P. J. McDonogh.
- 42—J. Honan.
- 30—Mrs. Heffernan.
- 28—G. Adderley.
- 24—Mrs. Begley, Mrs. Kavanagh, Geo. Kenny, Mrs. Kenny.
- 22—Mrs. Hannan, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. McDonogh, Mrs. May.

SOCCER REVIEW

(BY "G.R.")

A Hard Luck Story.

The verdict at the Mardyke last Sunday is nothing but a Limerick hard luck story. The elements again prevailed in saving Cork United from having a valuable point extracted from them. With practically twenty minutes remaining for play the teams were having a rare set-to in the mud and the incessant rain, with the scoreboard reading a goal apiece. But fate decreed that Limerick must journey to the "Dyke" another day, and so the drawn exchanges, after a 65 minutes session, are just gone with the wind. During the period of hostilities Limerick fared reasonably well. With the aid of the following breeze in the first half they contested the game resolutely and enjoyed more of the play territorially. Outside-left, Murphy gave the play of his colleagues a confident touch when he netted after four minutes. Before the interval Lysaght indulged in a smart solo, out-manoeuvring the opposition, only to see the ball lodge in the slime as he let loose his parting shot. Both Murphy and Lysaght were the pick of the forward line, which again showed that weakness in finishing. Tierney was at his brilliant best in goal and revelled in the conditions.

The Cup Draw.

For the first time in the history of the F.A. Cup, Limerick are paired with Dundalk in the first round draw. It is going to be a scintillating tie. Here we have the rugged, cup-fighting local side meeting a team which depends on team-work and skill to obtain the goals. There is an air of optimism amongst the Limerick players, and even some members of the management, that the side will do well against the "Border" men. Optimism, however, must be discounted in such contests, for we have bitter memories of a Bohemian defeat by 2-1 at the Markets Field when the local team was star-studded by the Waterford men, Walty Walsh and the late Tim O'Keefe. That year it was a real puzzle to select the side, as Daly, the ex-Waterford goalie, and Johnny Hartrey were also on the local selection. It was as big a shock which Limerick encountered last season when Shelbourne recorded a crushing defeat against odds at the Markets Field.

Seeking New Players.

This time Limerick are in the unhappy position of having a restricted selection. I have not heard if Paddy Duffy is fit again to take his place in the defence. He was due to contact the team at Dundalk on the occasion of their recent visit, but failed to put in an appearance. His return would be welcomed, as he possesses the cup day temperament, and is a very steady defender. The greatest trouble, however, lies in the attack. In recent weeks it has been obvious that the line needs an astute inside forward capable of proving a very good connecting link between the halves and the remaining men in the front line. Above all, it is a man with a shot who is needed. In recent days the club management, in view of the importance of the cup, have been angling for new players, but favourable results have not attended their efforts. It was only the other day that a club informed them that they could not release a certain player who was anxious to don the blue jersey. Limerick have also made the Leinster League a source of talent spotting, but their offers for players have been negated by the news from these clubs that they will not release any of their men. So it does seem that strange faces on the line out to meet Dundalk will be hard to find. The first leg is at Dundalk on February 16th, just five weeks away. Limerick have three weeks more in which to secure new material and build up a strong side. They will be given an extra week to keep on the "scouting," but the player, if any, signed in the fourth week will be only eligible for the second leg at the Markets Field on the 23rd prox. It will be a matter of interest to recollect that Limerick defeated Dundalk at the latter's venue in the City Cup, by 4-2. There was a 3-3 draw at the local ground in the Shield, but Limerick were defeated at Dundalk in the League by 3-0. Mr. R. Thomas will referee. Talking of referees reminds me that Mr. W. Keane, our local knight of the whistle, has been selected to look after the Cork United v. Waterford tie.

Junior Gossip.

The weather clerk was caught in another bad frame of mind last Sunday. Result was that the junior cup-tie between Wembley Rovers and Caledonians, at Castlemungret, had to be abandoned before half-time was reached. Pike Rovers braved the rigorous weather when they fulfilled their appointment at Cahir. It cost them £18 to do so; they received £3 as their share of the gate, and, worse still, they went under by 3-0. It was a good cup-fighting Cahir Park side which ended their run, though I learn that "Pike" did not reveal their best form. Now the fourth round draw gives us the unusual spectacle of having the Limerick area final played at Cahir! It means that the winners of the Wembley Rovers v. Caledonian tie must travel to the South Tipperary venue. This, I learn, is entirely contrary to the F.A.'s original undertaking that the area final would be played at the

CITY CINEMAS

(BY E.C.)

SAVOY—Monday's "The Dark Corner" is a fast-moving murder mystery. It unfolds a story of love, tinged with the terror of unknown danger. Clifton Webb is the debonaire art dealer, matching his "Laura" triumph with still another characteristically outstanding portrayal. William Bendix has a straight role, Lucille Ball is the glamorous, wise-cracking secretary. Mark Stevens makes his debut as the detective.

Thursday's "To-Morrow Is Forever" stars Orson Welles, best remembered for his role of "Rochester" in "Jane Eyre." The film is a poignant and emotional love story which will please most types of patrons. Welles is partnered by two other famous stars, Claudette Colbert and Irish George Brent.

GRAND CENTRAL

In Monday's "Memory For Two," Phil Harris loses his memory, becomes mixed up in a series of merry escapades, and suddenly finds out who he is. Music, comedy and romance are the chief ingredients in a concoction which is most agreeable entertainment. Edward "Rochester" Anderson, Leslie Brooks, Walter Catlett and the Four V's are featured.

The support, "Voice of the Whistler," is the latest in the Richard Dix series. Lynn Merrick, Rhys Williams and Donald Woods support.

Thursday's "Kiss and Tell" stars Shirley Temple in her first "grown-up" role. Others in the cast include Jerome Courtland, Walter Abel, Robert Benchley, Porter Hall and Tom Tully.

CARLTON

"They Were Sisters," due here on Monday, is an absorbing story of the lives of three sisters, each of whose marriages turns out differently. This is absorbing entertainment all the way, with a cast of British stars who have now become very famous, indeed, and whose names alone guarantee good film-going.

James Mason heads the cast and gives one of his finest portrayals. Hugh Sinclair and Peter Murray Hill are also seen to advantage, but it is on the feminine side that the film really scores. There is Dulcie Gray, Anne Crawford and Phyllis Calvert. Also in the cast is Pamela Kellino (in private life Mrs. James Mason).

LYRIC

All next week this theatre will be at the disposal of the Christian Brothers' Schools in their latest operatic venture—"The Gondollers." The next film attraction here will be a very special booking, I understand. Arrangements have been made to secure the Premiere Presentation of one of the season's outstanding releases.

THOMOND

Monday's "Easy to Look At" may best be described as a romantic comedy musicale, in which a modern fairy tale is neatly converted into a colourful rostrum for music and song. Gloria Jean, Kirby Grant, J. Edward Bromberg and Eric Biore are the leading players.

Wednesday's "Pillow of Death" is a further addition to the "Inner Sanctum" series. Lon Chaney has the lead, and he reveals in this type of fare. Brenda Joyce, J. Edward Bromberg and Clara Blendick support.

Friday's "Lucky Star" is a lovely musical with an ice skating background. The support will be "Beyond the Seven Seas." Rod Cameron, Eddie Dew, Fuzzy Knight and Jennifer Holt are the players.

COLISEUM

A rousing drama of the Construction Battalions who laid airfields and built maintenance depots on Pacific Islands during America's war against Japan will be told in Monday's "The Fighting Seabees." There is plenty of action in this and romance, too. John Wayne, Susan Hayward, Dennis O'Keefe and J. M. Kerrigan head the cast.

Wednesday's revival of "Night Must Fall" is very welcome. Robert Montgomery stars. His leading lady is Rosalind Russell and she, too, is magnificently cast. Dame May Whitty, who played in the stage version of this Emyln Williams play in London, went to Hollywood specially to repeat her role in the film version.

Friday's "Love, Honour and Goodbye" is an amusing romantic comedy with a good cast, including Virginia Bruce, Nils Asther and Victor McLaglen.

TIVOLI

Jeanne Crain has the leading role opposite Frank Latimore in Monday's "In The Mean-time Darling," a laughable romantic comedy. Latest episode of serial comedy.

Wednesday's revival of "Hot Spot" is notable for its use of the "flash-back" technique to tell its vivid story of a murder which seems almost insoluble. Betty Grable and Carole Landis portray sisters who vie for the attentions of Victor Mature. One of the girls is murdered and almost everyone in the picture could have committed the crime. How Laird Cregar (the late) solves the mystery makes for rare, unforgettable entertainment.

Johnny Mack Brown in a Western, "Lone Star Trail," completes

When **TIRED FEET**