

ARTICLES MISSED

GREAT ACTING

SALMON IN BAG

MYSTERIOUS!

MAIZE COMING

GREAT FIGURE

INSIDE THE LIMIT

TOWN

Woman On Larceny Charge

SUSPENSORY SENTENCE

Before Mr. J. G. Harley, B.L., D.J. sitting for Mr. D. F. Gleeson, B.L., at Newport Court on Wednesday last week.

Inspector Nolan charged Mrs. Bridget Carr, Fiddane, with the alleged larceny of seven pillow cases, two bolster cases, three sheets, one glass cloth, and one wheaten seed sack, all valued at 15s. 10d., the property of Michael Boland. She was also charged with the alleged larceny of a pull-over, valued at 10s., the property of Joseph Ryan, Rosagale.

Mr. R. C. Fitzgibbon, solr., Killaloe, appeared for defendant.

Annie Leonard said that she was employed as a housekeeper with Michael Boland. On the 19th March Mrs. Bridget Carr was cutting seed potatoes for Michael Boland in his kitchen. Witness went to the yard and when she came in she saw Mrs. Carr going away from the press. Witness noticed a white article of clothing hanging out of the press. On another occasion she left her employer's trousers hanging on the back of a chair. She placed the chair against the door of the press. She noticed later that the chair had been removed and the trousers were left on the seat of the chair. She then missed a number of articles from the press and told her employer. She knew the articles by the hand-stitching and the laundry marks. She gave no permission to anyone to take the articles out of the press.

To Mr. Fitzgibbon, witness said that she did not sell the articles to Mrs. Carr for 10s. She did not tell defendant to say that she bought them.

Michael Boland said he missed the articles from the press and he reported the matter to the Garda, Sgt. McGrath produced a number of articles and witness identified his property by the laundry marks. He also identified the wheaten seed sack by the brand.

To Mr. Fitzgibbon, witness said that he checked up the contents of the press every fortnight. He identified the articles by their laundry marks.

Sgt. McGrath said that he searched Mrs. Carr's house and found the articles produced in evidence. Mr. Boland picked out his property. Mrs. Carr refused to make a statement.

To Mr. Fitzgibbon, witness said that Mrs. Carr stated that all the articles were identified by Mr. Boland in the presence of Mrs. Carr. Bridget Carr (defendant) said that she bought the articles found by Sergeant McGrath from Annie Leonard for 10s. Annie Leonard gave witness the wheaten seed sack.

The Justice said that the articles found by Sergeant McGrath were identified by Mr. Boland and his housekeeper as their property. The question of keeping a check on the articles of clothing in the press did not arise. Defendant had made an attempt to involve this young girl in the larceny charge.

In reply to the Justice, Inspector Nolan said that on 23/7/30 defendant had been charged with alleged larceny and found guilty. She was also found guilty of alleged larceny of a girl's coat on 27/3/46.

Mr. R. C. Fitzgibbon said the defendant was aged 74 years and she produced a medical certificate to show that defendant was suffering from a form of heart disease.

The Justice imposed a suspensory sentence of 4 months imprisonment in default of case, to run concurrently, on condition that she would be of good behaviour for three years.

BOHER GYMKHANA

As advertised some weeks ago in the "Leader," a Gymkhana will be held in Boher on June 29th. The proceeds will be entirely in aid of Boher Church.

Rev. J. Gilmartin, C.C., assisted by the Parish Council, has already done much of the organising work. No effort is being spared to ensure a day's good enjoyment.

Mr. Tim Hyde, the famous jockey, will act as judge of the jumping, for which a big entry is expected if enquiries to date are any indication. The prizes include a valuable cup, which with 43 in cash, will be offered as first prize for the chief event of this part of the programme. Details will be advertised in this paper on June 14th and 21st.

There will be many other attractive items on the programme, including children's fancy dress parade, obstacle race, musical chairs, etc.

Boher is ideally situated for this event, being only eight miles from the city on the Tipperary road. The field, part of the property of Mr. J. Quirk, Boher, is about four yards from Boher Cross, over the railway bridge.

HOUSES FLOODED AFTER CLOUDBURST

Preceded by a flash of lightning and a peal of thunder, a cloudburst took place over Tountinna on Sunday evening last (writes our Killaloe correspondent). The water rushed down the hillsides and entered many houses, flooding them to a depth of several inches. Banbury's Hotel, Ballina, was the worst affected. The basement was flooded to a depth of three or four feet, dismaying foodstuffs and clothing.

DEATH

WHELAN—On June 4th, 1947, at her residence, 4 Roden Street, Limerick, Mrs. Mary Whelan, deeply regretted. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Wednesday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Requiem High Mass at 10.30 on Friday morning. Funeral immediately after to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

O'FARRELL (Second Anniversary)—In loving memory of my dear father, Mrs. E. O'Farrell, who died at his residence, 12 Cashe's Range, Thomondgate, on her soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy. Fondly remembered by her loving son, John.

"Arms And The Man"

CUSACK BRILLIANT IN CHIEF ROLE

The spell of fine weather that has come to our shores must be considered as the deterrent which has deprived The Playhouse of full houses since last night week. What other thing could it be? The Mercury Theatre Company has brought to Limerick an array of outstanding personalities in the theatrical sphere and is providing a treat in stage entertainment. Those who have seen George Bernard Shaw's "Arms And The Man," as played by the members of this Company, speak of it in eloquent terms.

It certainly must be the fine weather that has, so far, kept the attendance figures unacceptably limited. One would think that Cyril Cusack, after his crowning achievement in "Odd Man Out," would be the magnet in attracting the patrons. The writer feels sure that the Mercury Theatre Company also had this and his other successes in mind when they booked him to play the part of "Captain Bluntschli." Nothing was left undone to provide a feast in dramatic effort for a city whose citizens have won a reputation throughout the country as adherents of the stage; so one would expect overflow audiences.

"Arms And The Man" must be seen to be fully appreciated as an eminent production. One feels beggared to describe the magnificence with which a great cast treats an ingenious script. Shaw's easily-flowing wit is put over cleverly and there is a lot to commend the production as a masterpiece in dramatic endeavour. Without such a most talented set of characters the comedy could easily be a failure. But it is punched, so to speak, on the audience, and is sustained right to the end with a gripping interest.

A SUPERB ARTISTE.

Cyril Cusack has long before this proved himself a superb artiste, and it is a great opportunity which is being afforded to Limerick to see him personally in word in dramatic endeavour. He demonstrated this week his wonderful and uncanny grasp of a dialogue which he tends to make highly amusing. Needless to say, without Cusack, the humour would have been rationed. He seems to get the last ounce of wit out of those lines which Shaw intended to be treated as such. Cusack applies gestures and mannerisms which create a smile of appreciation to enrich a performance that is well-nigh flawless.

He impresses from the moment he gains an audacious ingress to the house of the "Petkoffs," in a scene in which he plays the part of "Major Sergius," a 34-year old Swiss in Serbian garb, with 15 years of barrack life to recommend him as a professional soldier. The subsequent happenings, as portrayed by "Raina" (Una Collins) and "Bluntschli" (Cyril Cusack), are most amusing. The long-winded "Bluntschli," looked upon as a Chocolate Cream Soldier, provides an unique touch of colour to the scene by the ability with which he treats the photograph incident and the disposition which he takes on when he is anxious to take a nap. He says: "I must keep awake; nothing must keep me awake, but danger," and what accompanies these words is eagerly looked forward to. At this time it is learned that "Major Sergius" (by Dennis Brennan) is "Raina's" hero, but in the end her affections drift to "Bluntschli," the son of a hotelier who sells palm-trees to the natives. How all this comes about makes the entertainment of an interesting character. The "Petkoffs" rather despise "Bluntschli" at the outset. In act two he is looked upon as a commoner when "Catherine Petkoff" (Patricia Kennedy) says to him: "I am glad to see you, but you leave this house at once." But once his family bearing is revealed, and it is shown that he is a man of repute, he is told to stay, and "Sergius" is ousted.

LISTER SKELTON.

It is noted that Cusack makes the very best of his entrances and exits, and his make-up is most suitable. A very good second is Lister Skelton in the part of "Major Petkoff." It seems hard to extract the very best out of the lines which is contained in the interpretation of "Major Petkoff," but Skelton most successfully surmounts this obstacle and gives a striking characterisation. He appears never to lose touch of that military demeanour which makes him the aristocratic head of the "Petkoff" mansion.

Daphne Carroll, most successful as the petite "Louka," while "Raina's" characterisation by Una Collins was nicely done, and she was most impressive in the first act. As "Catherine," Patricia Kennedy was more effectively costumed after act one. Her portrayal was most sincere and interesting. As "Sergius," Dennis Brennan filled the role most competently, his clear speaking voice giving the part a certain amount of tone. Barry Cassin did all that was required of him as "Nicola," while it was a very brief appearance which Ward Lloyd made as a Russian Officer.

Alan P. Simpson again showed his genius by his adept direction of the production and the lighting. The lighting effect at the window in the first act was made most realistic while the garden scene was entirely effective and appropriate, and a feather in the caps of Eugene Martin and Gerald Fitzgerald.

In every way it is a great show; and one worthy to fill The Playhouse to overflowing on each night. That is the best tribute which could be paid to the Mercury Theatre Company.

PRIEST LEAVES FOR U.S.A.

Rev. Father Eamon J. Kenney, who was ordained at the Cathedral St. John's, Waterford, in June, 1946 (writes our Kilmallock correspondent), embarked on the "Marine Flash" on Sunday, May 25th, with two other priests who were ordered to him for the Diocese of Seattle, Washington. U.S.A. He intends to spend a few days with his uncle, Rev. Father Patrick Kenney, on his way out. Patrick Kenney is son of Mr. Thomas Kenney and Mrs. Kenney, Ballymaso, Charleville.

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But Said He Had Rabbits

FISHERY CHARGE AT NEWPORT

At Newport District Court on Wednesday, May 28th, before Mr. J. G. Hurley, B.L., District Justice, who was acted for District Justice Gleeson.

The Limerick Board of Fishery Conservators prosecuted Timothy O'Keefe, Newross, for having four salmon illegally in his possession on December 18th last and for having on the same occasion obstructed water keepers McElligott and Murtagh in the execution of their duty.

A. J. Blood-Smyth, solicitor, Limerick, prosecuted. Mr. M. E. O'Malley, solicitor, Limerick, appeared for the defendant.

Paul McElligott, water keeper, said that on 18th December last he was on duty with water keeper Murtagh. He saw defendant cycling along the road with a bag on his bicycle. Witness called defendant to produce the contents of the bag. Defendant adopted a fighting attitude and said that he would allow no water keeper to search him. Defendant said that he had "rabbits in the bag" but through a hole in it he (witness) saw the side of a salmon. Witness made an effort to reach the bag but O'Keefe maintained his threatening attitude and defied him. Keeper Murtagh then went for the Garda and witness remained on the road with the defendant. Murtagh had gone only a short time when defendant said that he would go home and witness failed to hold him until a Garda arrived. Before defendant cycled away witness noticed that there were four or five salmon in the bag.

QUESTION OF AUTHORITY

To Mr. O'Malley, witness said that he was aware that defendant used to catch rabbits and sell them. Defendant asked witness if he had any authority to search him and witness replied that he had.

Mr. Blood-Smyth—Water keepers must carry their authority with them.

Mr. O'Malley—This man did not produce it.

Mr. Blood-Smyth—Defendant did not insist on his producing it. He was quite aware that McElligott was a water keeper and there was no need for him to ask at all.

Mr. O'Malley—For the purpose of search, he should have produced his authority.

Mr. Blood-Smyth—Water keeper, said that when he and last witness insisted on searching the bag defendant flung his bicycle against the ditch and said that if witness touched the bag he (defendant) would do six months in jail for him. Witness then went for a Garda and when he returned with Garda McGough the defendant had gone away. They then went and searched defendant's house but found neither salmon nor rabbits.

To Mr. O'Malley, witness said that defendant did not ask him to produce his authority. He knew witness was a water keeper.

Guard McGough said that he searched O'Keefe's house but found no trace of the bag, rabbits or salmon.

To Mr. O'Malley, witness said that there was no bag hanging at the back of the kitchen door.

"FOUR RABBITS" (defendant) said that the water keepers asked him to turn out the contents of the bag. He (defendant) asked for their authority but they failed to produce it. They then began to grasp the bag and attack witness. He told water keepers there were rabbits in the bag. One of the water keepers then went away and witness said to the other water keeper that he would stay on the road no longer and he cycled away. There were four rabbits in the bag, which he hung at the back of the kitchen door when he arrived home.

To Mr. Blood-Smyth defendant said that the water keepers could not see through the bag when they met them on the road. Defendant was in the Army. He would refuse to give the reason why he left the Army. He had not his discharge in Court.

Mr. Blood-Smyth—Was it because you attacked two military policemen? I refuse to answer that question. It has nothing to do with this case.

There was a legal argument between Mr. Blood-Smyth and Mr. O'Malley on the point of keepers not having produced their authority.

DEFENDANT CONVICTED

The Justice said that he was satisfied that the defendant did not pursue his right to inspect the keeper's authority. He would convict on both summonses. He would fine defendant £2 for having been in illegal possession of salmon with a fine of 2s. 6d. in respect of the four salmon. He would allow £10s. legal costs and £1 witness's expenses. On the obstruction summons, defendant would be fined 5/-.

AIR DASH TO SEE HER FATHER

Mrs. Thomas P. Wall left Chicago last week on learning of the illness of her father, Mr. Martin Gibbons, St. Lusa Street, Killaloe, and arrived 18 hours later at Rineanna Airport (writes our Killaloe correspondent).

On reaching Killaloe she was overjoyed to find that her father was much improved in health. The trip across was most enjoyable. Her many friends in Killaloe were glad to see Mrs. Wall, who is looking remarkably well and in great spirits.

DROMCOLLOGHER SHOW

Allowed to lapse last season, Dromcollogher Show is to be again revived. It was provisionally selected as the probable date (writes our Dromcollogher correspondent). Its scope and activities will be extended this year, and it should prove to be one of the outstanding events of its kind in the province. A representative and energetic committee has been formed and the preliminary arrangements are already well advanced.

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Explosive Powder In Envelopes

SURPRISE FOR PROMINENT BRITISHERS

A London message received today states that many prominent people in England have got through the post during the last few days mysterious packages, which were posted in Italy.

The packages, which contained a white powdered substance, consisted of two envelopes, an outer one and an inner one. The outer envelope contained nothing but the address, while on the inner one were printed the words—"Private and confidential."

The police state that the powder in the envelopes is of an explosive character and was likely to cause serious injury to the recipient should he interfere with the inner envelope.

No information could be got in official quarters as to the identity of the recipients, but it is known, nevertheless, that many of them were people prominent in public life.

So far as can be gathered, no one has suffered any injury by reason of the powder having exploded. It is not known, in fact, if any explosion occurred.

The police are making exhaustive inquiries into the mystery surrounding the envelopes and international complications are likely to arise.

DEATH OF RETIRED N.T.

The death of Mr. Timothy P. O'Connor, N.T., of Feale View, Abbeyleafe, which occurred in his 78th year, is widely regretted by his numerous relatives and friends in Limerick and Kerry (writes our Abbeyleafe correspondent). Few of his profession were more popular or esteemed amongst his fellow-teachers, his past pupils, and the public. Promoted from Abbeyleafe to principal of Feale View National School, he retired on the age limit, and enjoyed in his retirement his customary vigorous until a few weeks before the end. Connected with many relatives and friends on both sides of the Feale, his funeral to Abbeyleafe was of very large dimensions, and the attendance of the public at the interment next day in St. Mary's Cemetery was equally large and representative of all classes. Many expressions of sympathy were conveyed to his bereaved wife, Mrs. O'Connor, N.T. (retired), and Miss B. O'Connor, N.T., Feale View, and the other respected members of his family.

Prayers at the graveside were read by the Rev. Father Tansley, P.P. Erossa; Very Rev. P. Canon Carroll, P.P. V.P.; Rev. Father Curran, C.C.; Rev. J. Halpin, C.C., and Rev. J. Liston, C.C.

SLAUGHTER OF CALVES

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Dear Sir—I have read the different debates at County Council meetings re the slaughter of calves. Well, what I see is that there are no calves being done away with only scrub ones, such as whites and badly coloured, and I think the Minister and his party are a bit away with such cattle. They are a big burden on the small farmer. But, of course, there is no one talking about the slaughtering of calves so much as cattle traders, ranchers and jobbers—they might lose their daily bread by the cattle going down.

The dairy farmer cannot keep calves for 12 months to suit these gentlemen and meeting with a hundred ailments. After that they are quite safe.—Thanking you, Mr. Editor.

"SMALL FARMER."

DEARER CEMENT

The price of cement has increased by 8/6 per ton. This, it is officially stated, is due to increased cost of manufacture and freights, and the necessity of importing foreign cement to be distributed at Irish cement prices.

LOBSTERS 68/- PER DOZEN

The lobster season has opened at Kinsale, and on Monday the high price of 68s. per dozen was paid for catches of this delicacy, for which in past years 12/- per dozen would be considered the average price.

CHARGED TOO MUCH FOR TIMBER

Patrick Durnin, Connolly Avenue, Kinsale, Malahide, was fined 10s at Swards Co. Dublin, yesterday, for selling timber at 4s. 6s. a ton, the controlled price being 4s. 10s.

TURNING TO FUEL OIL

The Arklow pottery works have been closed down temporarily while the company are converting their fuel-burning equipment to the use of fuel oil and modernising the plant.

101 LB. TROUT

The rise of the May fly on Lough Derg three weeks date. Best catch so far was by Mr. Fred Evans, who caught a 101lb. trout. Dr. A. W. Courtney had a five-pounder.

COAL FROM U.S.A.

Liberty ships with U.S.A. coal are now regularly arriving at Dublin port. Last night the "Vancouver County" put in with 10,600 tons and to-day the "Benjamin Hill" with a further 10,000 tons, arrived.

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250,000 Tons Purchased

IRISH FOOD MISSION IN ARGENTINE

Mr. Leopold Kearney, leader of the Irish Food Mission to the Argentine, made an important statement to-day in Buenos Aires.

In the course of an interview with the Press, Mr. Kearney said that the Mission had succeeded in having arrangements made for the shipment of 250,000 tons of maize to Eire.

The maize would be paid for in sterling, as it was not possible to make a barter agreement.

Mr. Kearney said that he could not disclose the prices to be paid for the maize, nor could he state when shipments would begin.

The Mission was quite satisfied, he said, with the progress made in negotiations with the purchase of wheat, vegetable oils and fats.

Mr. Kearney also made the important announcement that the Governments of Eire and the Argentine had agreed to open Legations in their respective countries.

CINEMA EMPLOYEES PENSIONS AND INSURANCE SCHEME

Mr. Christopher Hind, Actuary, Irish Assurance Co., together with two members of the Executive of Odeon, Ireland, Ltd.—Mr. A. Elliott, General Manager and Mr. E. MacSweeney—visited Limerick yesterday to attend a meeting of the employees of the Savoy Cinema and to explain the details of the new pension and insurance scheme.

Under the scheme all the employees of the cinemas controlled by Odeon, Ireland, Ltd., about 1,000 persons, will be pensioned on their retirement at 65 in the case of men and 60 in the case of women. The pensions are contributory—with the employer paying the greater part and also paying the entire cost of life assurance for members of the staff.

Mr. Edward Browne, Secretary of the I.T. & G.W.U., also addressed the meeting and expressed his approval of the scheme.

This is the first time a pension scheme has been introduced for cinema employees in Ireland.

JUDGE'S RECORD SALMON CATCH

Judge Barra O'Brian, Circuit Judge for Clare, Limerick, and Kerry (writes our Ennis correspondent) secured a record catch of salmon during the Whit holiday season. Fishing the Srahnamowragh Bridge Pool on the river Owenduff in Ballyrooy, Westport, Co. Mayo, he caught 14 spring salmon in four days with his own rod. He killed five salmon prior to the same number on the following day and two on each of the two succeeding days. The total weight of the catch was 1682 lbs., which is stated to be a record yield for one pool in the West of Ireland. Anglers will be interested to learn that eleven of the fish were caught on the fly and three by spinning. The Owenduff river is a famous fishing river and is the one immortalised in Maxwell's "Wild Sports of the West."

NO MORE LOVEABLE MAN.

In private life there was no more loveable man than the late Mr. Laffan. His charm of manner, his innate good nature, his kindness of heart and complete absence of anything savouring of "bigness" were traits of his character that singled him out as a man amongst men. It can be said truthfully of him, that he had no enemies. Indeed, he was held in affectionate regard, not only by those who shared his views, but by those who did not always see eye to eye with him.

He has now passed to his reward, mourned and remembered with deep affection by all who knew him intimately. May he rest in peace.

We join with the general public in tendering heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing members of his family and other relatives.

The remains were removed on Sunday afternoon to Monaleen Church amidst striking manifestations of regret and sorrow. The cortege, which was of immense proportions, was representative of three counties, mourners having come from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect to the mortal remains of a great gentleman.

The funeral on Monday, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, following Solemn Requiem Mass, was again symptomatic of the great sorrow entertained by the people. It was attended by thousands from Limerick, Clare and Tipperary, all being anxious to show the affectionate regard in which they held the deceased.

STRIKE NOTICE

The Limerick Employers' Federation have been served with strike notice by the Limerick Branch of the I.T. & G.W. Union in respect of shop and store workers employed by the Federation.

It is understood that though an offer made on behalf of the employers has been rejected, there are hopes that a settlement will be effected before the time limit given in the strike notice—Friday evening next—terminates.

FEALE ANGLING

The Feale still continues to yield salmon to anglers who devote their time to the sport (writes our Abbeyleafe correspondent). On the whole, this season has so far proved satisfactory to those who exercise their skill when the river is fit. Some few anglers have landed over 50 salmon each. Others not so fortunate have, however, done better than last season. At present the waters are low and only odd salmon are taken. The average weights usually were from 10 to 12 lbs. Some few have turned out 14 to 18 lbs.

CHESS FINAL

North Munster Chess Competition will be held at Hanratty's Hotel, Glentworth Street, on Sunday, 8th inst., commencing at 4.30 p.m.

The committee extend to all chess followers a hearty welcome and all visitors can be assured of an enjoyable evening.

Death Of Mr. B. Laffan

HIS WORK FOR NATIONAL CAUSE

With deep regret we chronicle the demise of Mr. Batt Laffan, Killoan, Limerick, which took place unexpectedly at his residence on Saturday last.

The late Mr. Laffan was one of the best known men in his native county and the news of his untimely death has come as a great shock to the community in general.

During the struggle for National Independence Mr. Laffan never shirked danger and like the ardent nationalist that he was he made many personal sacrifices for his country. When Brigadier Sean Wall—the Sinn Fein Chairman of the Limerick County Council—fell before British bullets Batt Laffan stepped into the breach as Chairman of the Council and continued, during the remainder of the Black and Tan regime, to discharge his public duties, though, by so doing, he constantly risked his life. His residence at Killoan was ever at the disposal of the I.R.A. and under its hospitable roof slept Captain Robert Monteith, who recently returned to Ireland from the United States after an absence of close on 30 years. At this time the British had offered a "reward" of £5,000 for the betrayal of Monteith who, along with the late Eoin MacNeill, organised the Irish Volunteers. But Monteith knew full well that he could trust his host, than whom there was no more noble-minded man in the length and breadth of the land.

FEARLESS CHAMPION.

A fearless champion of every