

## OBITUARY

### LATE MR. P. LEO.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we record the death of Mr. P. Leo, which took place at his residence, Tullybrackey, Bruff, on June 18th.

To his widow, son, sisters, brothers and relatives we offer sincere sympathy.

Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Bruff, on June 19th, and the funeral took place immediately afterwards to the local cemetery.

The celebrant was Very Rev. D. Canon O'Riordan; deacon, Rev. J. Chawke, C.F.; sub-deacon, Rev. T. Kirby, C.C. Croom. The other clergy present were Rev. M. Ryan, P.P., Ballyhahill; Rev. Father Condon, P.P., Banogue; Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.C., Bruff; Rev. G. Wall, C.C., Fedamore; Rev. Father Hurley, Rev. Father Quin, C.S.S.R., and Rev. Father Kirwan, C.S.S.R., Limerick.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. K. Leo (widow), Gerard (son), Misses Chris and Lil Leo and Mrs. O'Grady (sisters); Mrs. T. Kennedy, Mrs. T. Hynes, Mrs. W. Donovan (sisters-in-law); Messrs. T. O'Grady, John Moloney, Wm. Moloney, Jim Moloney, Richard Moloney and Dermot Moloney (brothers-in-law).

Mass cards were received from the following:—Kit, your loving son, Gerard; your fond sister, Chris (Gregorian Masses); Rose and Tom (Gregorian Masses); Lil (Gregorian Masses); the O'Meara family; Rev. T. Kirby, C.C.; the Sisters of Mercy, Croom; Katty and John Joe Leahy; Bill Moloney, Jim Moloney, Dick and Kitty Moloney; Tom and Peg Kennedy; Ned and Nora Donovan; Dermot and Mary Moloney; aunt, Mary and Bride Donovan; Jim and Kitty Madigan; Mrs. Martin Leo (U.S.A.); Tom and Mary Hynes; Wm. and Bride Donovan; Jimmy and Joe Leo; Dan Donovan; Kitty and Joe Conway; John and Mary McNamara; Mrs. B. Leahy and family; Danny McNamara; aunt Ellen; Charlie and Madge; Joseph and Mary O'Malley; John McNamara and family; Glin; Mrs. Ryan and family, Tullybrackey; Pydge McNamara; Matty O'Grady (Novena); Jimmy and Joe O'Rourke; Mrs. Mary O'Shaughnessy, Milford House; Arthur and Noel O'Shaughnessy; Sal and Joe Hartigan; Mrs. Shanshan and Madge; the Byrnes family; May Cunneen; Theresa Shearin.

### MRS. M. BARRY, MITCHELSTOWN.

A well-known figure in the business life of Mitchelstown has passed away in the person of Mrs. Mary Barry, relict of Michael Barry, The Square, which said event occurred on Saturday, 21st June, after a short illness. The interment took place after Solemn Requiem High Mass on Monday, June 23rd, in adjoining cemetery. The chief mourners were:—Mrs. H. Skinner, Mrs. E. Skinner, Miss A. J. Barry (daughters); James Skinner, John English, Mrs. C. Collins, Miss M. B. Skinner, Miss A. Skinner, Miss Marie and Bridie English (grandchildren); Mr. Christopher Moloney (nephew); Mr. Emmet Skinner, Mr. L. English (sons-in-law); J. G. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Skinner, T.D.; Mr. P. O'Brien, Mr. P. J. O'Brien (I.T.A.), Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. D. English, Mr. D. Murphy, Miss Joan Murphy, Ballyhooley; Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Donoghue, Galbally; Mr. John Barry, Richard Barry and James Barry, Miss Mary Barry, Mitchelstown; Mr. and Mrs. David Whyte, Ballylooby; Mr. D. Quinlan, Miss A. Quinlan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Condon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Keating, Mrs. M. Hanley, Mr. M. English, Mrs. E. English, Miss A. Evans, Mrs. S. English, Cahir; Mr. A. English, Mr. Michael O'Brien, Clonmel (relatives).

### DEATH OF MRS. M. MULLINS, KILCOLEMAN

The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Jane Mullins, wife of Mr. William Mullins, Kilcoleman, well-known farmer and member of the Committee of the Ardagh Co-Operative Creamery Society. Deceased, who passed away after a brief illness, belonged to a well-known and esteemed West Limerick farming family, and was formerly a nurse on the staff of the old Newcastle West District Hospital. Sincere sympathy will be extended to the bereaved husband, son, and daughters. There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral, which took place from Kilcoleman Parish Church to Ardagh Cemetery. Rev. M. O'Grady, C.C., Newcastle West, assisted by Rev. Father O'Connell, C.C., Coolcappa, officiated.

### HEARING RESTORED

Science can at last offer good news to the deaf. A really effective

## FROM HER HEART

### Mother's Urgent Appeal

#### CONDITIONS IN GERMANY

Addressed to the Town Clerk, Mayor's Office, Ennis, a letter was read at the monthly meeting of the Ennis Urban Council from Mrs. Cornelia Stiehler, Leipzig, N22, Wangersogerwee, Germany, stating that the most terrible distress and the fright of starving these next few months forced her to apply for help. She was living with her two children in the Russian Occupation Zone, without prospects of any help. The hunger was so dreadful that her son suffered from fits of weakness again and again, and her daughter suffered also from symptoms of hunger disease. She was a doctor's wife, 47 years of age, and now alone in the world. Both her children were students at Leipzig University and she had to fight for their education and maintenance. All her money in bank had been confiscated and when she was without any means she had been forced, despite her inability to work, to become an employe of the Municipal administration and got about 180 marks a month. She had lost all her goods and chattels by bomb attacks and was unable to pay gigantic prices on the Black Market for necessities. She had no relations abroad who could help her. The family was forced to live according to the ration and that meant, at present, to starve. Did any person who read this appeal realise what it meant to one's promising and intelligent children slowly perishing. She herself had suffered much under the bloody Nazi terror. Her son had been a prisoner under that regime and had become a mere skeleton. Now when they believed deliverance was at hand they had been plunged into a new despair. She was helpless and asked imploringly for help. "Please be so kind," concluded the letter "as to try and induce an Irish Christian family to send us food parcels. Our people are most poor and pitiable. Later, in better times, I shall be able to return Irish love. My request may be too exacting, but I would not make it if I had any other way of saving."

Mr. E. F. Kerin regretted the Council could take no action as they were prevented by regulations from doing so. He requested the Press to publish the letter in the hope that others may do so.

## A GREAT SUCCESS

### NEWCASTLE WEST CARNIVAL

Newcastle West Schools Carnival in aid of the local Boys' National School, was brought to a very successful conclusion on Sunday night after ten days of uninterrupted entertainment and amusement. Big crowds thronged the Desmond Grounds on each of the ten carnival nights, and there were also crowded attendances at the nightly dances. The Carnival grounds were packed to capacity on Sunday night as was also the Desmond Hall, for the final Carnival Dance and the West Limerick Old Time Waltz competition. As a result of elimination contests held during the week, thirty couples entered the final on Sunday night, and after a most interesting contest Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leslie, Maiden Street, were declared winners and presented with a silver cup each. Runners up were Mr. Paddy O'Connor (Gortboy) and Miss Ita Phillips; and Michael Enright and Alice McSweeney. The adjudicators, Mr. and Mrs. Horne, and Mr. and Mrs. Shine, of the Horne Dancing Academy, Limerick, Music for the occasion and throughout all the week was supplied by the Devon Dance Band under Mr. Frank Lohan.

## N.A.C.A. SPORTS

### ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS

The Munster Annual Cycling and Athletic Championships, under the auspices of the N.A.C.A., will take place in the G.A.A. Grounds, Ennis Road, on Sunday next, when a fine evening's entertainment is assured.

The programme of sixteen events consists of competitions in running, jumping, cycling and weight-throwing. In addition, there will be two events confined to Limerick City and County—the 220 Yards Championship of Limerick, for boys under 16 years of age; an inter-club Relay Championship, confined to the G.A.A. Clubs of

## SPEECH PROBLEM

### Need For Universal Language

#### OLD SYSTEMS RECALLED

(By E.N.).

Last week some arguments in favour of an "international language" were reviewed. From many points of view such an addition to our linguistic equipment was found to be desirable. However, even if such a proposition may be reasonably advanced, one enters more controversial ground when one considers the best means of satisfying such a need.

Broadly speaking, there are two alternatives: the construction of an artificial language, or the use of a modified form of a living one. Each of these approaches has its following of ardent supporters, and dispute has raged loud and long as to which is the better answer to the problem.

There are two characteristics of an international auxiliary which are essential to its usefulness: it must be easy to learn and it must be sufficiently comprehensive to be an efficient tool in communicating ideas. These necessities call for a simplification of grammar, a clearing of all inflections which are not required, and a limitation of vocabulary so that words are not included which are mere duplications of those already existent. Little thought is required to realise that grammar may be simplified and yet serve its purpose. In the sentence "Two horses climbed the hill yesterday," the final "s" in "horses" is redundant as "two" gives the plural; the "ed" in "climbed" is equally unwanted as "yesterday" gives the past tense, and "The two sheep cut themselves yesterday" gets on very well without these inflections.

During the past three hundred years several hundred attempts have been made to construct a language which would supply the world with an efficient medium of communication. In 1661 George Dalgarno, of Aberdeen, published his "Ars Signorum" and so made the first of many practical attempts to devise a satisfactory system. The names of Bishop Wilkins and Leibnitz are outstanding in this connection, but most of the systems are now museum pieces.

Perhaps the most famous of the later additions to the list is Esperanto. This was the outcome of much thought on the part of Dr. Ludwig Zamenof (1859-1917). In his early youth he had lived among people of many nationalities, and from their ill-treatment of each other sprang the desire to construct a common language which would lead to greater understanding. As a result of his labours the Lingue Internacia de la Doctoro Esperanto (International Language by Dr. Hopeful) was published in 1887. During the end of the last century and beginning of the twentieth it spread rapidly throughout Europe, making particular strides after the 1914-1918 war.

Esperanto uses all the letters of the alphabet except Q, X and V, with accented consonants C, G, H, J, and S. Grammar has been considerably simplified. The noun ends in -o, the adjective in -a, and the infinitive in -i. The object for nouns and pronouns end in -n; to form the plural -j is added to the singular. The adjective changes with the noun as to number and case. There is one conjugation for the Esperanto verb and no change for number and person. A number of roots, to which are added prefixes and suffixes, form the basis of the vocabulary. Esperanto has eliminated many of the redundancies which are scattered unnecessarily throughout the grammars of European languages. Despite this, it has been criticised for retaining within its system some which might have been jettisoned in the process of clearing-up. For instance, it has been pointed out that English manages very well without a difference in form between subject and object; yet, Esperanto has retained an inflection by adding -n. Again, English demonstrates that it is quite unnecessary for the adjective to change with regard to number and case. Zamenof's choice of roots for his vocabulary has also been questioned. He did not always select the root common to most languages but sometimes showed an unreasonable partiality.

Even with these imperfections, however, Esperanto continued to spread and hold the field against all challengers. In 1907 Ido entered the picture with differences, in some instances improvements, but with new faults of its own. Special mention must be made of Interlingua, which was constructed by the Italian mathematician, Peano. Starting from the idea that Latin is basic to many European languages, he decided to form a new one by

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