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## ODDS AND ENDS

## Tale Of A Drowned Duck

(By AN MANGAIRE SUGACH.)

A certain type of person is often described as being so clever "that he'd drown an eel for you." If we can accept this statement as being literally true, we must admit that the man capable of performing such a feat has, indeed, reached a very high level of "cleverness." A week ago, if you told me that such a person existed, I might not to insist you too cruelly have replied: "I have no doots" or words to that effect. But I am not so sure now that I'd reply in that strain. For from Banogue, from authoritative sources, further strengthened by the testimony of many reliable witnesses, has come news of a drowning tragedy in which the victim was—a duck.

## ELEGY THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

"Four ducks on a pond,  
A grass-bank beyond,  
A blue sky of spring:  
What a little thing!  
To remember for years  
To remember with tears!"

William Allingham, the author of "Adieu to Ballyshannon," wrote these lines. What would he not have written if he had heard the woeful tale of the drowned duck; an elegy like "Lycidus," or "Adonias?"

A tear stands in the eye.  
Ready to jump into  
The annihilation of a soiled  
bankie.

As the news spread  
That the duck was dead  
Dead by accidental drowning  
Who could own a dry eye

Or implore a strong sigh?  
In that fatal hour  
Where was Neptune  
Or that Manannan of ours?

Banogue would like to know  
Why it was so;  
Banogue would like to hear  
Why they let her go

And eggs so dear.

## HER LAST MINUTES.

It seems that, when last observed, the ill-starred duck had been swimming in a large trough, the property of a popular and highly respected citizen of Ban Og. She seemed to be enjoying herself and appeared as sea-worthy as ever. At times, she ruffled her feathers, pushed her head under water and splashed like a captured whale; other times she sailed gracefully on the calm surface, with such merriment and duck-like dignity as to make you recall those oft-quoted lines of Woodsworth:

"... The swan on still St. Mary's lake  
Floats double, swan and shadow."

It must be admitted that the duck doesn't cut as good a figure on land as on water. On terra firma she waddles like a sailor home from the sea. When swimming she is in her natural element, which makes this drowning tragedy at Banogue all the more remarkable.

## BANOGUE TO THE RESCUE.

Ten minutes after having been last seen alive and floating, the duck was found drowned in the trough. No one had been observed near the scene of the disaster: there were no currents, quicksands or sudden changes of tide in the trough; yet, the duck had gone to "ton-pull," as the Gaeltacht say—to the bottom of the pool. It was passing strange; and, as news of the calamity spread, Banogue came to the rescue. Artificial respiration, both Schafer's and Silvester's methods, were tried, but it was all to no avail—the duck was a "goner."

An unofficial inquest arrived at a verdict of: "Death from misadventure, following sustained immersions in two feet of water, the direct consequence of the duck having struck her head against the bottom of the trough when diving."

The owner of the trough—and incidentally, of the duck—was exonerated from all blame.

## REQUIEM HIGH MASS

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## VERY REV. J. HANNON, S.J.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., a Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated for the Very Rev. Father John Hannon, S.J., in the Sacred Heart Church, The Crescent, Limerick, in the presence of a crowded congregation. His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill presided at the Mass and the assistant at the Thorne was Very Rev. Father John Brassill, Adm. The celebrant of the Mass was Very Rev. Father T. Mulcahy, S.J., Rector of The Crescent; the deacon was Rev. M. Headon, S.J., and the sub-deacon was Rev. J. Barragry, S.J. Rev. C. O'Connor, S.J., was master of ceremonies.

Relatives present included: Mrs. Dalton (sister), Dr. May O'Neill (step-sister), Louie J. Dalton (nephew), Mr. P. J. Gubbins, Miss M. Gubbins, Miss Kathleen Gubbins, Dr. John Gubbins, Mrs. J. G. Gubbins, Michael Gubbins, James Gubbins, John P. Gubbins, Mrs. Joe Gubbins, Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Cecile Molony, Mr. A. O'Neill (cousins).

Also present were: His Excellency Joseph P. Walsh, Ambassador to the Holy See; his Worship the Mayor of Limerick (Councillor P. O'Connell).

Amongst the clergy present were: Right Rev. Monsignor J. English, Queensland, Australia; Very Rev. J. White, Administrator, St. Michael's; Very Rev. Canon Wallace, P.P., Killaloe; Very Rev. Canon Martin, St. Munchin's College; Very Rev. J. Kennedy, Rector of the Mill Hill Fathers, Kilkenny; Very Rev. P. J. Lee, P.P., St. Mary's; Very Rev. L. Meaney, P.P.; Emily; Very Rev. E. Punch, P.P.; Mungrit; Very Rev. W. B. Costello, Prior, St. Saviour's; Rev. J. C. Collins, O.P.; Rev. J. L. Cotter, O.S.A.; Dublin; Rev. A. Ryan, O.S.A.; Rev. P. J. Foley, O.S.; Rev. P. J. Whelan, C.S.S.R.; Rev. J. P. Duggan, C.S.S.R.; Very Rev. B. MacMahon, S.J., Rector, Mungrit College; Very Rev. J. T. Kelly, S.J., Superior of Mungrit College; Rev. Leo Clifford, O.F.M.; Rev. Aloysius Hedderman, O.F.M.; Rev. D. MacDonald, S.J., Mungrit College; Rev. A. Naughton, S.J., do; Rev. F. Payne, S.J., do; Rev. A. Ennis, S.J., do; Rev. P. Coffey, S.J., do; Rev. J. McCarthy, S.J., do; Rev. M. Minihan, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C., do; Rev. M. O'Donnell, C.C., do; Rev. J. Lyons, C.C., do; Rev. G. M. Griffin, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev. H. Fee, C.C., St. Munchin's; Rev. J. Moran, C.C., do; Rev. D. Costello, C.C., St. Mary's; the members of the Crescent Community; Rev. Brother J. J. Young, Acting Superior of Christian Brothers, Limerick; Rev. Brother P. S. Henry, Rev. Brother R. G. Ryan.

## LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

## Need For Water Schemes

## COST OF HOUSE BUILDING

## University And Other Scholarships

Mr. McCarthy's motion.

## SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Council unanimously awarded Secondary and Vocational Scholarships to the following candidates who had been successful in the examinations under the Council's scheme this year: John J. Donoghue, Cloherty, Cappamore; Eileen Mary Lee, Murroe; Teresa Keogh, Gortawalla, Doon; Margaret M. Geary, The Square, Newcastle West; Patrick Ryan, High Street, Killane; Catherine Hannan, Singlack, Limerick; Johanna O'Sullivan, Washestown, Castlemahon, Newcastle West; Wm. F. Daly, Finnane, Cappamore; Patrick Whealan, Knockainey Hospital; James Fitzgerald, Main Street, Killane.

Officials in attendance included: The County Manager (Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E.), the County Secretary (Mr. T. F. Broe, the County Engineer); (Mr. P. J. Sheahan), the Acting County Surveyor (Mr. J. F. Ambrose), and the Law Agent (Mr. Roger O'Sullivan, solicitor).

Mr. McCarthy moved a notice of motion that a pump be erected at Cratloe National School, Athlone, and that a pump be erected at Upper Knocknacarra, Abbeyfeale, to accommodate a dozen families who had to travel a mile for water at the moment.

This was seconded by Mr. Quaid.

## NOTHING DONE.

Mr. Mackey remarked that propositions like that of Mr. McCarthy had been passed by the County Council for a number of years and nothing had ever been done about implementing any of them. Such propositions, in face of such inactivity, were superfluous and were nothing but humbug.

Mr. Hayes agreed and spoke of notices of motion moved by him from time to time and passed by the Council, which had still to be implemented.

The Manager explained that the war and the consequent scarcity of materials had delayed works like that contemplated in Mr. McCarthy's notice of motion. All these works would be carried out in due course, as materials became available. There was, he pointed out, a reasonable amount of this type of work done each year.

Replying to a question by Mr. McNamara, the Manager said the cost of erecting each new house would be £1,000.

Mr. Dore asked if it were true that, with the war clause added, each house would cost at least £1,500.

The Manager said he could not argue that point at the moment.

When Mr. Mackey asked what the rent of the new houses would be, the Chairman remarked: "Better build the houses first. I prefer to leave the matter to the special meeting."

This was unanimously agreed to by the Council.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the recently formed Committee on Road Surfacing stating that, as mentioned in a previous letter, a committee, of which he was secretary, had been appointed to consider methods of surfacing roads so as to make them safe for horse and donkey traffic. He had received certain recommendations from the Limerick County Council and they were being considered by the Committee. A report would be forthcoming in due course.

Chairman—That seems alright.

Mr. Madden said the Council should defer further discussion on road surfacing until the recommendations of the Committee were received.

Mr. Hayes suggested that the bad, untarred byroads of the county be attended to.

Mr. Clohessy agreed and said that some country dwellers were unable to go to Mass on Sundays because of the condition of some of the less public of the county's roads.

The Surveyor agreed to have the matter complained of looked into.

## FUTURE APPOINTMENTS.

The Secretary produced a lengthy circular from the Department of Local Government relating to the appointment of future Local Government officials. The circular was very involved and he suggested that the Council defer discussion on it pending its circulation to members.

The Co. Manager said that one of the points in the circular was that all counties would have to appoint successful candidates in examinations in future without any clause as to where they were resident. At the moment, Limerick Co. Council had inserted a clause prohibiting any candidate from outside the county entering for the competitive examinations through which the Council recruited its staff.

Mr. Hayes said that since this resolution, with a slight amendment, had been adopted by the General Council of Co. Councils, it would not be necessary for the Limerick Co. Council to repeat it.

Mr. McCarthy said it would do no harm to adopt Mr. O'Dwyer's suggestion, which he thought should be put into the form of a resolution, which he would second.

Mr. O'Dwyer agreed to put his suggestion in the form of a resolution. This was passed unanimously.

## A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Referring to Mr. O'Dwyer's statement, that rural communities were badly treated in the matter of proper water supplies, Mr. Quish suggested that the Council should provide funds for the concreting of small areas surrounding existing wells in the county, so that the account, and he thought the supply of water would be kept safe and sanitary. Such provision would cost very little and would be of great advantage.

The Acting Co. Surveyor told Mr. Quish that if he handed in a list of the wells which required such treatment, the matter would receive consideration.

Mr. McNamara said the Council might not be within its right in interfering with such wells, which were private property.

The discussion closed when the Chairman remarked that it might be a good idea if the Surveyor adopted Mr. Quish's suggestion.

Mr. Madden moved notices of motion that pumps be erected near McCarthy's Cross, Clonshane, T. O'Grady, Limerick, who died recently at Kilfinny Cross.

Mr. Hayes seconded the two resolutions, which were unanimously passed.

Mr. McCarthy proposed that the Government be requested to grant an immediate reasonable increase in allowances to old age pensioners and widows and orphans.

Mr. Hayes seconded this proposition, which was unanimously passed by the Council.

Seconding a motion by Mr. McCarthy, calling on the Government to grant an increase in pension to retired national school teachers, Mr. Dore said that all retired national teachers were badly treated. Some of them who had retired before the increase of 1918 were not even receiving a living allowance by way of pension.

The Chairman said the Council would be unanimous in adopting

## FEENAGH

## OBITUARY

## MRS. McMAHON, CLONMACKEN

It was with very deep regret we announce the death of Mrs. Margaret McMahon, widow of the late John McMahon, Clonmacken, Limerick, which took place on September 22nd. The deceased lady, who was highly respected, was of a very quiet and kindly disposition and endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. She always had a kind word for everybody, and was looked upon by the people of the surrounding district with the greatest respect. The funeral to Killaloe Cemetery was one of the largest seen for some time, being composed of people from far and near. To those whom she left to mourn her loss we extend our sincere sympathy.

The following clergy were present: Very Rev. Canon Moloney, P.P.; Rev. Father McCarthy, Rev. Father Griffin, Rev. Father Godfrey, St. Munchin's; Rev. Father Carthage, O.F.M.

Relatives—Thomas, Joe, Francis, James, John, Joe, Dick, Gons, Mrs. Markham, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Walsh (daughter), Michael Gleeson (brother), F. McGuire, F. Ryan, J. Markham, W. Walsh (sons-in-law), Mrs. T. McMahon, Mrs. J. J. McMahon, Mrs. F. McMahon, Mrs. Joe McMahon, Mrs. D. McMahon, Mrs. M. McMahon (daughters-in-law), Mrs. Devereux, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Enright, Mrs. Ryan, Miss E. McNamara (niece), L. McMahon, M. McNamara, J. McNamara, M. McNamara, J. Neill (nephew), Sean, Tom, Paddy, Brendon, Declan and Sean McMahon, John, Gerard and Joseph Ryan (grandsons).

Floral wreath Messrs. Kennedy and O'Brien & Co., Ltd., Dublin.

Wires and messages of sympathy

Mel McGuire, Lisdoonvarna; Walsh, Ballyshannon; Sheila, Lisdoonvarna; Mick and Kathy Grimes; George, Fermoy; Burke, Murroe; Sisters Angela and Xavier, Killavarron; Dick and Alice, Jack McGinane, Manchester; Patrick McDonald; Tom and Gerty Lane, May, Longford; John and M. Mc Nutty, Dublin; Joe Neilland, Sligo; Rev. T. Quilligan, Dublin; H. Power, Fenmore; Mongan family, Dublin; Sister Xavier; Limerick and Clare Milk Producers' Association; Mr. and Mrs. Tuitt; D. Shanahan.

Novena of Masses Directors and Staff, E. O'Callaghan & Son, Ltd.

Mass cards: John and Teresa; Tom, Moira and family; Evelyn and Willie; Jim; May and Frank; Kitty and Francie; Dick and Eileen; Joe and Lannie; J. J. Mary; Tom and family; Frank and Aggie; Luke and family; Michael McNamara; Pauline and Jack; Baby and Paddy; Aggie and Cecil; Rita, mother and father; John, Maggie and family; the Maridam family, Ballysheen; Mat and Eileen McNamara; Nan and Paddy Entright; Mr. and Mrs. F. McMahon and family; Mr. and Mrs. Dore; Clohessy family; P. and K. McMahon; Jack, Jim, Rita and Fanny McGuire; Dick, Lena and family; W. Fitzgerald; J. McNamara; Mrs. Quilligan and family; the Murray family; Nony and Joe Portley; the Nix family, Stonetpark; Pat Carroll; Mr. and Mrs. O'Halloran; the Kirwan family; Eddie and Hannah Doran; Mrs. Barry; Mr. and Mrs. Graham; Paddy O'Mara; Mr. and Mrs. L. O'B. Kelly, Clonmacken; M. and A. McNamara; Nora and John McDermott; Nellie and Tim Moloney; the McMahon family and they were being considered by the Committee. A report would be forthcoming in due course.

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## BUILDING COSTS.

The Manager said he had a report prepared on housing but suggested that consideration of it be deferred to the meeting to be held during October, to specially consider the present position in the county in relation to the acquisition of sites for labourers' cottages. He would like to state, however, that the contract for the Rathkeade housing scheme was now signed and that the contract for the housing scheme at Croom would be signed in a few days.

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