

these special allowances are granted to persons who were in the business up to January 1st, 1941, to certain ex-members of the Defence Forces and to anyone who acquired the right to operate a hackney car from a person going out of the business.

Persons who can now satisfy the Minister that their cars will be available for hire will, on application, be entitled to benefit by the Department's decision. Applicants who use private cars extensively in their own business will not be considered.

HIRING OF FARM WORKERS

The prosperity enjoyed by farmers in the Kilmallock district is reflected in the advance in wages given this year to agricultural workers without any reference whatsoever to the Wages Board rates (writes our Kilmallock correspondent). Contracts have been made for £50 for eleven months for youths under 20 years, and hefty men who are known to be good ploughmen have been given just under £80.

BROADFORD PIPERS' BAND

The newly formed Pipers' Band at Broadford continues to make great progress, and the band members are undergoing a course of instruction (writes our Dromcollogher correspondent). The project has been hailed enthusiastically in the district, and it is hoped that the band will be in a position to make its first public appearance on St. Patrick's Day.

COAL FOR KILMALLOCK

Kilmallock has been deservedly called a non-turf area (writes our correspondent there); and hence the delight with which householders hailed the arrival of the long expected coal, which, although dear, was very welcome, as supplies of turf were on many occasions not large enough to meet the requirements of the people.

ELECTRIC LIGHT EXTENSION AT KILMALLOCK

The Electricity Supply Board has extended its lighting system to Kilmallock Station, which is about half a mile from the town, and nearby residents to the station are also provided with the light.

Miss P. Connolly, Chiropodist, has returned to 78 O'Connell St.

as one of their own (applause).

Songs were then contributed by Rev. Father Gilmartin, Messrs. Michael Hayes, John Leamy, Tom Shea, James McGuire, Tim Hickey, James Humphreys, Sergt. Tobin.

"CHRISTMAS PIE" SHOW

In my review in Monday's issue of the eight-day cine-variety programme, just concluded at the Savoy (writes E.C.), I omitted to mention the name of Miss Josephine Scanlan, soprano, whose contributions of selected songs were among the brightest features of the "Christmas Pie" show.

Miss Scanlan, fresh from her recent triumphant success in the title role of "Rose Marie," was in excellent voice during the "season," being particularly good in her rendition of the popular "My Heart And I." Combining an attractive stage personality with a voice of wide range and purity, she was well received by almost 30,000 patrons during the eight days. Her changes of beautiful frocks, too, created much comment.

THE WATERS' HARVEST.

According to figures issued by the Department of Agriculture, over 1,900,000 lbs. of salmon, sea trout and eels were caught in the various lakes and rivers in the 26 Counties during 1946, and were valued at £294,186. The take of salmon in that year amounted to 1,600,000 lbs., the value of which was £240,333. The largest catches were in the Limerick, Lismore, Ballina (Mayo), Ballyshannon and Waterford areas. The total number of fishing licences issued was 4,749.

A GIFT IN GOLD.

When Mr. G. McGann, the recently retired Clerk of the Dail, and a native of Limerick, yesterday took leave of his staff in Leinster House, he was presented with a suitably engraved gold cigarette case. Representatives of the various departments of the Houses of the Oireachtas were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Mr. Frank Fahy, the Ceann Comhairle.

LIMERICK MAN'S ESTATE.

Mr. Andrew Joseph Egan, of Slieve Rue, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, company manager, who died on October 5th last, left personal estate in England and Eire valued at £1,737. He left his property to his wife, to whom probate has been granted.

city. The learned Brother is correct in stating that Luimneach has the youthful material for an enthusiastic native-speaking colony and, buidheachas le Dia, we have also got a serious-minded body of cultured influential citizens who, like Father O'Growney, Dr. Dineen, Douglas Hyde and thousands of other apostles of Irish nationality, realize the significance of our native language. So let us, the youthful material, openly assert our nationality and swell the classrooms and meeting halls of the various language societies, inspiring with unflinching confidence the able and fearless leaders who are eagerly awaiting our coming. Let us check the growing cancer of Anglicisation, and realize that Ireland will never attain national culture on the basis of a foreign language. We fully realize, as did that great scholar and writer of Irish prose and poetry, Father Dineen, when he wrote: "Should the language die, the loss to the nation will be great and irreparable. Other national losses are capable of being made good. The loss of population, the loss of armies and navies, the loss of prestige, the loss of liberty, can all be restored, but once a language becomes extinct as the living medium of thought, it is as impossible to restore it to life and vigour as it is to re-animate a lifeless and decaying corpse. No, we will never allow our noble tongue to fall silent by the hills and streams of holy Ireland. In our hands lies the remoulding of an Ireland self-reliant, an Ireland confiding in her own energy and cultivating her native characteristics, an Ireland cherishing the language of her youth. Ireland's regeneration thus worked out, must inevitably be followed by material prosperity. Ar aghaidh leis!"

To you, a Eagarthoir Uasail, I also say—"Go raibh mile maith agat," for allowing me such valuable space.—Is mise,

"GAEDHEAL OG."

DEATH.

MEANEY (Raheen, Ballysheedy, Co. Limerick)—January 6th, 1948, at County Infirmary, Limerick, Richard Meaney, brother of Rev. Father Michael Meaney, S.J., Clongowes Wood College, and father of Sister M. Carmel, Mercy Convent, Kirsale; very deeply regretted by his loving wife, daughters, son and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed this (Wednesday) evening at 5 o'clock to Mary Queen of Peace Church, Janesboro'. Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM.

O'TOOLE (Fourth Anniversary)—In loving memory of John J. O'Toole, Pery Square, Limerick, who died on January 7th, 1944.

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