

CHARLEVILLE D.A. NIGHT OF DANCE

Cleaning Of Glen River

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION QUESTION

Mr. D. J. O'Keeffe presided at the monthly meeting of the Charleville Development Association held in the Courthouse, Charleville. The other members present were: Messrs. Owen S. Binchy, T. J. O'Connell, J. Fraher, T. Ryan, Ed. O'Flaherty, M. McGrath, M. Hurley, C. Morrissey, R. Dennehy and P. O'Riordan, Secretary.

The Chairman said that in regard to the cleaning of the Glen river he had some further correspondence with Mr. Moylan, the Minister for Lands. He had sent up a form to the special employment scheme office and a communication which he had now received stated that the matter had been referred to the Department of Local Government for consideration.

TAKING IT UP WITH L.G.D. He had also a letter from Mr. Moylan's private secretary stating that the Minister was taking the matter up with the Department of Local Government to see if anything could be done.

TRAIN SERVICE. In reply to a member, the Secretary said he had not received any reply from C.I.E., so far, to the representations made by the Association in regard to the stopping of trains at Charleville.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION. The Secretary said he had a discussion with Mr. Wm. Biggane on the question of rural electrification, and the latter had stressed the importance of the matter to the farming community in view of the shortage of labour. It was one of the most important matters that could be discussed.

FARMERS VERY INTERESTED. The Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Dempsey, the Secretary of the E.S.B., pointing out that the farmers were very interested in having the scheme adopted, particularly owing to the position of the dairying industry and the shortage of labour.

COAL TRANSPORT

SHIPPING QUESTION IN LIMERICK

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader") Dear Mr. Editor—Your correspondent, "En Avant," whose letter in connection with the shipping question in Limerick appeared in your issue of the 10th inst., is to be congratulated on bringing this matter so forcibly before the citizens.

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KILLED AT TEA

While Mrs. Ellen Martin, a Newtownbutler (Co. Fermanagh) housewife was having her tea with her family on Saturday evening, the roof of her one-storey cottage collapsed. A falling stone struck her on the head and she was instantly killed. Other members of the family, sitting a few inches away at the same table, were uninjured.

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Breach Of Licensing Law

PUBLICAN FINED £2

At Kilmallock Court, before Mr. H. L. Connor, B.L., D.J., Mrs. Margaret Buckley, of Bruree, was summoned for a breach of the licensing laws on the 27th of November last at 2.40 a.m. Garda Guinane, Bruree, said that on the date in question, at 2.40 a.m., he entered the premises of the defendant and found a number of men there. The publican's son was in charge and there was no explanation.

Mr. T. E. F. Bennett, solicitor (Messrs. Bennett and Walsh), for defendant, said that this was the night of the coursing dance in Bruree, and the men found in the premises, who included a doctor, creamery manager and tillage inspector, were all friends of the licensee's son. Supt. Keegan, G.S., who prosecuted, stated that there had been a previous conviction against the publican in November, 1946.

The Justice imposed a fine of £2 on the defendant and fined the men found in the premises 5/- each.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT.

Garda Guinane, Bruree, summoned Michael Hogan, Greenpark, Bruff, for on the 13th November, 1947, at Bruree, driving a motor tractor without front light and no red light on the trailer attached.

Mr. M. M. Power, solicitor, for the defendant, said that his client was in West Limerick that date buying potatoes and the woman he bought them from insisted that he should have them weighed in Newcastle West, thus delaying him beyond lighting up time.

A fine of 5/- was imposed. Garda Guinane also summoned Joseph Frawley, O'Connell Street, Limerick, for driving a motor vehicle at Ballyfookeen on the 21st November, 1947, without a driving licence. A fine of 5/- was imposed.

PETROLEUM LICENCES.

Messrs. Harris Brothers, Kilmallock; Michael O'Mahony, Manager, Bruree Creamery; John E. Walsh, Kilmallock; and Denis O'Regan, Lottera, Bruree; Edmond O'Loughlin, Manager, Eflin Creamery; James J. Doyle, Kilmallock; Irish American Oil Company, Kilmallock, were all granted licences to store and sell petrol, there being no objection by the Gardai.

In connection with these applications, when some of the firms were not professionally represented, the Justice said that he did not think it was necessary for the applicants to appear in person or be represented in Court, as the application was not a notice of application to Court but merely an application to the Justice for the licences, in the same way as a driver made an application to the County Council for a driver's licence.

OCCASIONAL LICENCE.

On the application of Mr. R. Geary, solr., Thomas Keane, publican, Kilmallock, was granted an occasional licence for a bar at the People's Hall, Kilmallock, on the night of the 25th January, the occasion of the Kilmallock Young Farmers' Club dance, for the hours of from 12 to 5. Supt. Keegan, G.S., said that there was no objection. Nominal fines of 3/- were imposed on persons using unlighted cycles after lighting-up time.

ALL IN THE SAME STREET

Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Clann na Poblachta election rooms are all situated in the same street in Ennis and the two first named parties have their headquarters within twenty yards of each other (writes our Ennis correspondent). Appropriately enough, Mr. P. Hogan, B.L., the Labour candidate, has issued a ballad in support of his own candidature, the chorus of which is sung to the air of "The more We Are Together." All parties are in the midst of preparations for an intensive three weeks campaign.

MOTOR CARS IN COLLISION

Two motor cars came into collision this morning on the main Limerick-Ennis Road at the head of Rose Avenue. A small car was in the act of turning to go down Rose Avenue, when it was struck by a larger car and turned over on its side. One of the occupants of this car, Mr. Wm. Flynn, Grattan Villas, Mulgrave Street, sustained slight injuries and suffered from shock. He was removed to Barrington's Hospital for treatment.

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BRIGHT VARIETY DID GREAT WORK

In Savoy Concert

ARTISTES ENHANCE THEIR REPUTATIONS

Entertainment of a splendid quality was served for a big gathering in the Savoy Cinema last night. It was markedly evident there that the sponsors of the Grand Variety Concert in aid of St. Munchin's New Church Building Fund were most successful with their efforts in securing high-class talent. There were so many bright contributions that it would be difficult to select one particular performance for special mention, and it was quite obvious, too, that the members of the audience thoroughly appreciated every item on the programme.

One vocalist who has in the past captured the admiration of his listeners is Tony Campo Basso (tenor). Now referred to as "Of Sorrento fame," he was again a deservedly popular contributor. His singing of "At the Balaikia" aroused the audience so much that he was recalled to the "mike" and chose "How Are Things in Gloca Morra?"

He was back again with his favourite, "Come Back to Sorrento," and then followed "Love's Last Words Are Spoken."

The pupils of the Legear School of Dancing were very effective on this occasion, and their routines could hardly be excelled. The song from the "Jolson Story," which was chiefly featured by Miss May O'Donnell, was an exceptionally clever number, and the youngsters Dutch scene was smartly and tastily presented.

TALENTED PIANIST.

An interesting adjunct to the night's proceedings was the talent competition organised by the Limerick Charitable and Cultural Societies. Last night's heat attracted competitors from the city, Kilmallock, Killinane and from Clare County. Winner was Mr. Brendan O'Boyle, of Quilty, Co. Clare, a pianist who has won high praise and distinction at the Feile Luimnighe.

There was a lively introduction to the concert with the Kilmallock Trio Ceilidhe Band in their sparkling Irish numbers. A 1947 Feis Ceoil winner, Miss Patricia Lawlor (soprano) was well received with her singing of "The Bells of St. Mary's" and the "Lost Chord."

She was later heard in "My Hero," "The Holy City," "Because" and "Hills of Donegal." Mr. Patrick Thornton is a baritone with a well-won reputation and he enhanced it this time with his efforts—"Friend o' Mine," "Song of Heart's Desire," "Open Thy Window Beloved" and "Star of the County Down."

Master Paddy Rowland, a boy soprano of entertaining sweetness, gained a fine reception for his singing of "When Other Lips" and "The Lark in the Clear Air." The "Arpeggios"—four men and a piano—garbed in "Minstrel" outfit, well earned the ovation they heartily received. Miss Breda Colbert, mezzo-soprano, was also another favourite in her rendering of popular songs. Miss Sheila McGann, in a similar role, was another who scored handsomely. "Just a Song at Twilight" and "Scenes That Are Brightest," which she sang, were done complete justice.

The parody king, J. Comivo, saw to it that patrons were kept in good spirits and his many dissertations of wit were relished. Mr. John A. Enright at the organ shared most favourably in the all-round success of the concert, and his popular hits were thoroughly satisfying and appreciated.

DAIL ELECTION AREAS

In the list published in our last week-end issue of the Dail election areas comprised in the East Limerick and West Limerick Constituencies, Dromin was included in error as belonging to East Limerick. It is actually included in the West Limerick Division.

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Palestine Trouble Continues

£12,000 STOLEN FROM BANK

A despatch received from Jerusalem to-day says that, this morning, a bridge spanning the River Jordan—on the main road between Syria and Palestine—was blown up. It is believed that Jewish extremists are responsible for this act.

The blowing up of the bridge is seen as a possible prelude to a direct attempt being made to isolate Palestine from the adjoining Arab State.

A gun fight between Jews and Arabs took place in Jerusalem to-day when Jews attempted to erect road blocks. British troops in armoured cars proceeded to the scene of the fighting and later explosions were heard.

About half a dozen men drove up to Barclay's Bank in Tel Aviv this morning, held up the staff and made good their escape with about £12,000 in cash. It is believed that the car used by the raiders was one that had been reported earlier as stolen.

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TOWN TOPICS

CITY COUNCIL

When the City Council to-morrow night it will discuss an interesting agenda. One item of reference to the consideration of tenders for letting on lease of the lands of Corkanree.

LIMERICK LADY'S DEATH IN NEW YORK

A prominent worker in New York for the cause of Irish freedom and culture passed away in that city recently in the person of Miss Eileen M. Fitzgerald, who was born in the parish of Glenroe, Co. Limerick, and at a very early age went to the United States with her parents, brothers and sisters. The following account of her activities has been specially written for the Limerick Leader by Mr. John J. Sheahan, Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Annual Parade in New York.

In the death of Eileen M. Fitzgerald, which occurred at her residence on the eve of the New Year, December 31st, Ireland has lost one of its greatest supporters in the Metropolitan area. Like her faithful and companionate sister, Miss Maura Fitzgerald, no gathering that had anything to do with the welfare of Ireland was complete that she was not present at. It is a truism to say that she devoted her whole life to the welfare of the land that gave her birth. For that matter it might be said that the entire Fitzgerald family has given an able, intelligent and patriotic life to the cause of Irish Freedom.

In the old days she with her brothers and sisters were active in the Gaelic League movement, and in the promotion of everything that sponsored Irish culture. She was particularly active in the advancement of the Gaelic language, in the Irish dances and in the various Feiseanna.

WITH FRIENDS OF IRISH FREEDOM.

When the Friends of Irish Freedom came into existence in 1916, she with her sister and brothers were foremost in its promotion, and missed no meeting where the advocates of the cause assembled. At the formation of the Cumann-na-mBan (Irish Women's Council) she became a member, and was active in it up to the present time. She was delegate to any and all Irish activities that were advocated by the organizations that had for its object the absolute freedom of the old land.

She rarely, if ever, missed a committee meeting for the promotion of the annual St. Patrick's Day parades, and was much help to those having charge of the arrangements. Eileen Fitzgerald was outspoken in anything that she believed to be right and no one could convince her to depart from the stand she took, which was invariably right. In fact, this was a characteristic of the Fitzgerald family.

In recent years she took an active interest in Philo Celtic Society and always attended their ceilidhe and meetings. Miss Fitzgerald was born in the parish of Glenroe, County Limerick, and came to this country at a very early age, with her parents and brothers and sisters. A notable thing about her death was that both her mother and sister died on New Year's eve, many years ago. Besides her sister Maura, she is survived by her brother, James Regan Fitzgerald, who was so very active in Irish affairs, like his brother, James was a very active member of the Edward Daly Club of the Clan-na-Gael. The late Maurice O'Regan Fitzgerald, who was a distinguished author and lecturer, was another brother; and last, though not least, William Fitzgerald, who wrote under the nom de plume of Carrig O'Sheen; and, by the way, the father of the Commissioner of Public Works in Queens County, was another brother.

EVIDENCE OF POPULARITY AND ESTEEM.

Although the weather was very inclement, the large attendance at the "wake" on Thursday and Friday nights, when the streets were almost impassable, and at the funeral Mass on Saturday morning from the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 84th Street and Park Avenue, where she and the family had worshipped for years, was evidence of her popularity and the esteem by which she was held by those represented. It is safe to say that all Irish patriotic organisations were well represented. Interment was in the family plot in Calvary Cemetery.

In addition to her many patriotic activities, Miss Fitzgerald was intensely religious and rarely missed attending daily Mass. She was, so to speak, an exemplar of what an Irish girl should be. May God have mercy on her noble soul and send comfort to her sister and brother. JOHN J. SHEAHAN.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Judge Barra O Briain will hold the Hilary Sitting of the Limerick Circuit Court to-morrow. Criminal cases will be disposed of first and it is expected that the civil list will be begun on Thursday morning. There are only two criminal cases down for hearing from the city and one from county, and, as already indicated, these will be completed on Wednesday evening. The civil list, which includes ten claims under Workmen's Compensation Act, is unusually heavy for these sittings.

A GOOD JOB.

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