

regularity, and all this from an who is deprived of that essential to a playwright's development, the examination of his work by the audience, actor and author. I think, has George Shiels in his own play performed in the Abbey Theatre, but his sureness on the reactions and the sense of humour of the audience he has seen, has never faltered. By reason of his popularity, I feel sure that the six new Shiels plays, published by Golden Eagle Books, of Dublin, will be eagerly read by producers all over the country. These plays are really printed on good quality paper, are attractively jacketed in red covers. They are good value at

titles include:—

Man and the Ferret—A three-act comedy with 12m. and 2f., which was first produced at the Abbey in 1933.

Fort Field—A three-act comedy with 5m. and 3f., first produced at the Abbey in 1942.

Man's Secret—A three-act comedy with 5m. and 5f., which was first produced at the Abbey in 1937.

The Old Broom—A three-act comedy with 5m. and 5f., produced at the Abbey Theatre, 1946.

Man at Will—A comedy in three acts with 12m. and 2f., first produced at the Abbey Theatre, 1945.

Give Him a House—A comedy in three acts with 8m. and 5f., first produced at the Abbey Theatre in 1945.

With such a representative selection of the work of George Shiels available, producers will have considerably less difficulty in seeking suitable plays.

WING IN FORMER CALF HOUSE

When an applicant applied to the Rural Council (Six North-Dublin Counties) for a cottage, it was found that himself and his wife and family of four were living in a former calf house that had no windows or doors and a leaking roof. The cottage was given to the applicant.

UGHT FOR £5—WORTH THOUSANDS

A landscape in oils, bought for £5 some 50 years ago and hung in a farm in Western Australia, has been declared by the curator of the North Gallery to be by Millet, worth thousands.

★ COLISEUM — Maureen O'Hara appears a mannequin in Monday's "The Homestretch." Filmed in Technicolour, this film has some of the most exciting racing scenes ever photographed. Cornel Wilde, James Gleeson and Helen Walker are also starred.

Wednesday's double-feature programme includes a weird and thrilling detective yarn, "The Devil's Mask," with Jim Bannon and Anita Louise, and an unusual mystery thriller, "The French Key," in which Albert Dekker and Evelyn Ankers take leading roles.

Friday's "Invincible Lady" is the story of a famous painter whose lovely novels disappear with amazing regularity.

Francis Lederer and Gail Patrick have the principal roles.

DEATH OF MRS. FLANAGAN

With very deep regret we announce the death of Mrs. Hannah Flanagan (nee Maher), wife of Mr. J. Flanagan, Boroughville, Shelbourne Road, Limerick. Deceased, who had been seriously unwell for several weeks, passed away at her residence on Tuesday evening. Highly and deservedly popular with all classes, she was a lady of many very fine characteristics. Kindly, charitable and good-hearted, she was of a cheerful and sociable disposition, and all who knew her held her in the highest esteem and confidence for her many admirable qualities. Her death removes a model wife and mother and an excellent neighbour, and the deepest sympathy, in which we fully join, is extended to her bereaved husband, family and other relatives.

The remains were removed to St. Munchin's Church on Wednesday evening and the funeral took place yesterday (Thursday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The attendances on both occasions were extremely large and representative, clearly demonstrating the respect and popularity enjoyed by the deceased and her husband, family and relatives, and the widespread sympathy evoked by the death of one who had the warm regard of all who knew her.

FIRST OF SEVEN NEW SHIPS.

The first of seven new ships being built in Britain for Irish Shipping Ltd., will be launched on the 25th instant. It is to be named the Irish Rose.

(Galway).

P. J. Gallagher and P. J. O'Connell (Galway).

R. A. Tierney and A. R. (Galway).

Dr. T. P. Magnier and R. (Fermoy).

E. A. Rice and J. Abernethy (Fermoy).

J. B. Quigley and S. K. (Cloughjordan).

Dr. F. C. Quigley and P. C. (Cloughjordan).

G. Kenny and A. Tracey (Limerick).

M. J. de Courcy and J. H. Byrnes (Limerick).

S. Martyn and D. Lanigan (Limerick).

W. J. O'Connell and M. O'Connell (Cork).

Two Tournaments were held on Friday. The results were:—

N.S.—1, Mrs. Lloyd and M. Heffernan, 78; 2, Mrs. Kavanagh and Mrs. Tracey, 76½.

E.W.—1, Messrs. G. Fitzgerald and G. Adderley, 68½; 2, Messrs. St. C. Gloster and M. J. de Courcy, 65½.

N.S.—1, Mrs. Foley and M. Murphy, 97½; 2, Dr. McDonnell and T. Direen, 82½.

The points leaders to date are:

29—Mrs. Murphy.

25—Mrs. Heffernan.

21—G. Fitzgerald.

20—P. J. McDonogh.

19—V. St. C. Gloster.

WORLD-FAMOUS PIANIS

COMING

Henryk Mierowski, the great pianist since Paderewski, will commence his second world tour at the Lyric Theatre, Limerick, on Sunday next, 22nd February. Other countries to be included in the tour are:—Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Great Britain and South America.

The pianist, who signed a five years world contract with impresario Hugo Larsen twelve months ago, played 105 concerts during 1944 and travelled 30,000 miles by plane, twice crossing the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans.

His programme in Limerick will include the Funeral March Sonata, Fantaisie in F minor, Fantaisie in G major, Ballade in C sharp minor, Ballade in F minor, Valse in A flat major, Polonaise in F sharp minor, Op. 44.