

cannot be discharged with full effectiveness if there is not a sufficiently wide and practical knowledge of political problems and conditions. Father Healey quoted Pope Pius XI as stating that "every good citizen is bound to make the best use of politics," and the wisdom of this advice must be apparent to anyone who gives serious thought to the question.



It has become too much the custom here in Ireland to sneeringly refer to "the politicians" as if they were of necessity objects of ridicule and distrust. This senseless and unworthy attitude often gives an undue opportunity to "chancers" and people of mediocre talent and tends to keep a better type of candidate from going forward at election times. It is the duty of every good citizen to take an intelligent, practical and sympathetic interest in politics, for in no other way will it become possible to always have a supply of good material for discharging national functions in a proper way.



To be a good citizen, as Fr. Healey declared, a man must vote, according to his conscience, for those best qualified for office, for the good of the country and not for personal profit or personal friendship. This distinguished Jesuit, "that he keep intelligently well informed on the main issues of the day," and he added the very pertinent comment that "the man who has not got beyond the sport page, or the woman beyond the social column, is not fit to vote." These are words that deserve to be taken to heart by all.

solution of the much-discussed boy problem, and is recognised as a distinct contribution to the happiness of the boy of to-day and the population and civic prosperity of to-morrow.

Parents and all persons interested in the correct upbringing of boys gratefully acknowledge the important and valuable work that is being done by the Scout movement, and feel justly proud of the colourful spectacle its little army presents on parade.

PLANNING A WELCOME

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MR. DE VALERA'S RETURN FROM U.S.A.

Mr. de Valera is expected to arrive home from his remarkably enthusiastic tour in the United States on April 5th. It is understood he will reach Shannon Airport by plane on the evening of that date.

Arrangements to give him a cordial welcome home were discussed by the Ennis Fianna Fail Cumann, which decided to get in touch with the National Executive and co-operate with that body in organising a reception at the Shannon Airport on his arrival there.

DEATH OF MR. J. C. CURTIN, TOURNAFULLA

The death of Mr. John C. Curtin (53), of Ballycommane, Tournafulla, occurred at his residence after a very short illness, and is much regretted by a large number of relatives and friends (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent). A member of a well-known and highly respected family, there was a very large attendance of the public at the interment on Saturday in Glantine Cemetery. He was brother of Mr. Michael C. Curtin and of Mrs. Michael Colbert, to whom many expressions of sympathy were conveyed.

GIRL'S ABSENCE FROM HOME

Mr. John Hallinan, of Drombeg, Athlaca, Kilmallock, would like to know of the whereabouts of his daughter, Margaret Hallinan, who has been absent from her home since the 15th of February. Aged 17, she is of stout build, dark complexion, and about 5½ feet in height.

and the National Anthem the night came to a close.

NEWPORT TURBANE

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INCREASED VALUATION BOG

A very representative meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, Newport, on Thursday, 18th March, to discuss the serious situation arising from the closing of Callaghan and Gleannglas Bog. This bog has recently been closed as a result of an increased valuation making it uneconomical. It was decided to send a protest, signed by all users of the bog, to the Manager and Co. Council, Valuation Office, the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and the Minister for Finance. This protest, signed by 120 persons, has been forwarded and stresses the gravity of the situation. It calls for immediate removal of the valuation which results in injury both to the turf-cutters and to the owner, rather than the solution of the problem by "compulsory acquisition" as suggested at a recent meeting of the Tipperary (N.R.) Co. Council. Failing a speedy solution of the employment problem, which already threatens to be serious, it will be further aggravated in this area.

PROCESSION TO HOLY WELL

Rain marred the success of the annual procession of the members of the Sacred Heart Confraternity, Ballygarry, to St. Patrick's Well at Ballyelin, about two miles from the town (writes our Ballygarry correspondent). Though weather conditions were not of the best, a large crowd attended. The Rosary was recited by the Very Rev. Canon Wall, P.P. A few years ago this Well was enclosed and a beautiful statue of our National Apostle in white marble erected over the Well. This was due to the zeal of the beloved pastor, V. Rev. T. Canon Wall, P.P.

ASKEATON GYMKHANA

The entries for the Gymkhana to be held at the Sports Field, Askeaton, on Easter Sunday, are representative and racing of a high order is assured. The first race will start at 1.30 p.m., and the usual race dance will take place at the local Hall on the same night.