

ter Noel Fleming who sang "St. Noel" at the outset was in excellent voice and created a splendid impression in showing technique of a first-class order. He fully led the rounds of applause which followed his singing of this Christmas gem.

The playing of a record featuring singing "Panis Angelicus," being one of the scenes also ended the tone of the play.

It can be said in conclusion that the Marian Players have established themselves as firm favourites in Limerick, and on many people the production of "The Message of the Nativity" has left an indelible impression.

LIMERICK GIRLS' CHOIR TO BROADCAST

For the third successive Christmas, the Limerick Girls' Choir of the Sacred Heart has engaged the Choir of the Sacred Heart to broadcast a programme of Christmas Carols. They will be on Wednesday, the 22nd, from 5.45, and from 6.00 to 6.15. Mr. S. Hassett will preside at the concert.

LIMERICK PRESIDENT OF HORSE SHOW

Miss William Bagwell, Ballinacorney, Clonmel, has been elected President of Clonmel Horse Show in succession to the late Lord Clonmel. She is the first woman to hold the position.

MID-AIR EXPLOSION

A B-25 bomber exploded in mid-air 100 miles from Shreveport, Louisiana, U.S.A. Seven men were killed. Five of them were members of the Air Force and two belonged to the Navy.

RUBBER SHOES

The Government has made an arrangement allowing the import of 10,000 rubber shoes between February 1 and July 31, 1949.

though they could sell them they would gladly do so for a couple of hundred pounds.

Chairman—They would and they would live on the sides of the roads.

Mr. Hickey said that the man who proposed to sell the cottage at Clonkeen had never lived in it; actually he lived in a good business house in Doon.

Senator O'Dwyer—This is very serious and we must see that it stops. I propose that the Council refuse consent in this case.

Mr. Hickey—Yes, and give the cottage to some deserving applicant.

Mr. Mackey said he would be inclined to agree with Mr. Hickey's suggestion because if this procedure were allowed to go on, poor people would not be able to secure houses, despite the Council's best efforts on their behalf.

SUBJECT TO SERIOUS CONDITIONS.

Mr. P. H. Donegan expressed surprise that there should be a Cottage Purchase Scheme at all if tenants were not allowed to sell freely.

Chairman—Purchase agreements are subject to very serious conditions.

Without further discussion, the proposition of Senator O'Dwyer, that the Council refuse its consent to the proposed transfer of the cottage in question, was unanimously adopted.

ATHLETIC DRIVE FOR COUNTY LIMERICK

At a meeting of the Munster Council of the N.A.C.A. at Killarney yesterday, it was decided that the Secretary attend the Annual Convention of the Limerick Board to promote an athletic drive in the county. Rev. Father Culhane, C.C., Kilmallock, was elected a Vice-President of the Council.

DEATH.

KAVANAGH (nee O'Leary) — December 20th, 1948, at the County infirmary, Mary Kavanagh, widow of the late James Kavanagh, 83 Pennywell. Remains will be removed at 8 o'clock to-night (Monday) to St. John's Cathedral. Funeral at 3 p.m. to-morrow (Tuesday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Association.



ANOTHER HOTEL.

Now that Mr. Ernest Corbett has been granted a licence for the new hotel he has built at Bunratty, visitors to the Shannon Airport can scarcely complain that their interests are being neglected. The "Castle," the name by which Mr. Corbett's hotel is to be known, is an extension of the family mansion that nestles beneath the shadow of historic Bunratty Castle. A member of an old and highly respected family, Mr. Corbett is to be congratulated on his enterprise. He has spent many thousands of pounds on the construction and furnishing of the hotel, which stands on its own secluded grounds and overlooks a stretch of country that sweeps down to the Shannon.



ADA REHAN.

Where was Ada Rehan, the celebrated Limerick actress, born? As there appears to be a good deal of confusion as to the street in which she was born it has been suggested that this matter should be cleared up. She was born in her father's publichouse in Shannon Street in 1857. Her proper name was Crehan, but early in her career she assumed the name of Rehan as the result of a printer's error. In the printing of a play-bill the compositor dropped inadvertently the letter "C." The mistake was not detected until the posters had been issued, but the celebrated actress was non-plussed. She thereupon and then assumed the name Rehan. In 1872 the Crehan family left Limerick for Quebec, whence they proceeded to Brooklyn, where they settled down. Ada made her debut on the professional stage at Newark in 1874 and five years later she became a member of the celebrated Augustine Daly Company.