

CO. LIMERICK POSTULANTS



Six Co. Limerick postulants at Shannon Airport customs, en route for Cleveland, Ohio, with Rev. Mother Brendan. Left to right—Sarah and Mary Fitzgerald (sisters), Doon, Co. Limerick; Catherine Redfran, Cappamore, Co. Limerick; Mary Teresa and Angela Walsh (sisters), Cappamore, and Margaret Hynes, Cappamore.

TOUCHING SCENE

At Old I.R.A. Man's Funeral

INTERMENT OF LATE MICHAEL NEVILLE

The late Michael Neville, who died on Christmas Day at Phibsboro, Dublin, where he had established a large and thriving business, was a native of Pallaskerry (writes our Rathkeale correspondent). He belonged to a respected family having wide connections in West Limerick. As a member of the I.R.A. deceased, with many of his relatives, took an active part in the struggle for Irish freedom during the Black and Tan period. A long cortege of cars followed the remains when brought to Rathkeale for burial on Monday. As the funeral entered the town a touching scene was witnessed and all the more touching because of its simplicity. Comrades who campaigned with him in dangerous days came forward to form a guard of honour and firing party. With their rifles they marched to the cemetery beside the hearse carrying the coffin draped with the Tricolour. When the obsequies concluded and the coffin was lowered to its last resting place, at the word of command the veterans stood to attention and fired three volleys as a farewell tribute to their dead comrade.

The following, under the charge of George Wallace, made up the firing party—Jimmie Halpin, Dave Moloney, Jack Pender, Tom Wallace, Jerry Giltenane and Jack Neville (Ballane). The prayers at the graveside were read by Rev. M. McQuarthy, C.C. (cousin of deceased), assisted by Very Rev. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F.; Very Rev. Canon Wallace, P.P., V.F.; Rev. P. Lynch, P.P.; Rev. T. Costello, C.C.; Rev. G. Enright, C.C.; Rev. Fr. McElligott, S.D.E. (Rector), and Rev. Father O'Sullivan, S.D.E., Copsewood College; Rev. Fr. Dore, O.M.I.; Rev. Fr. Kennedy, O.M.I.

Chief mourners—Mrs. Teresa Neville (widow); Kevin, Patrick and Brendan (sons); Dan Neville, Kildimo (brother); Mrs. Gretta Hanly (sister); Rev. M. J. Neville and Pat Neville, Kildimo (nephews); Josephine Neville (sister); Patrick Guinane, Rathkeale (brother-in-law); Mrs. Teresa Guinane, Rathkeale, Mrs. K. Leahy, Rathluirc, and Mrs. J. O'Connor, Shanagolden (sisters-in-law); J. O'Connor, Shanagolden (brother-in-law); Mrs. P. O'Callaghan, Rathluirc (niece); M. Leahy, Rathluirc, and Donal Mangan, Shanagolden (nephews); Mrs. Neville, Kiltanan, and Mrs. Lyons, Newbridge (aunts); Miss Alice McCarthy, Mrs. Sheehy, Courtbrown, and family; Mrs. McDonnell, Askeaton; Anna and Ita Hough, Askeaton; Denis and Pat Cremin, Dick Kennedy, Mrs. Shanahan, Margaret and Mary Sheahan, M. Kelly, Kilfinny; James and Mrs. Kelly, Kilfinny; Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Fitzgibbon, Tom and Daisy Lyons and Mrs. McMahon, Newbridge; Dan, Jack and Tom Neville, Ballinagule; Mrs. E. Neville, Morenane; Michael Neville and family, Kilfinny; Tom and Dan Neville and Mary Hynes, Kiltanan (cousins).

Upright and honourable, the late Michael Neville had many fine traits of character that gained for him the love and admiration of all who knew him and his death at a comparatively early age is generally regretted. To his widow (nee Guinane), a member of an esteemed Rathkeale family, very sincere sympathy is extended in her sorrow.

THE MARSHALL AID LOAN

And What It May Mean For Ireland

THE LESSONS OF HISTORY

Points Affording Food For Thought (By "SULCOIT")

As the terms of the Marshall Aid Loan Agreement, signed on October 28th last, may be of interest, a brief summary with a few thumb-nail comments, may not be out of place:—

1. The amount not exceeding sixty million dollars is specifically for financing the purchase of "such commodities and services as are approved by the Administrator," to whom is entrusted the power of specifying the amounts and times of payment. On the execution of the Agreement, the Minister for Finance executed and delivered to the Export-Import Bank a promissory note for the payment of the principal and interest of the sixty million dollars, or so much thereof as may be advanced.

2. On any balances of the principal outstanding, interest at the rate of 2½ per cent., payable half-yearly, beginning on December 31st, 1952, is provided for as well as for the repayment of principal in graduated semi-annual instalments, the first 150,000 dollars on 30th June, 1951, and the final of 56 instalments, amounting to 2,185,048 dollars, on December 31st, 1983. The aggregate of all the interest payments will approximately reach 34 million dollars on the sixty million dollar loan.

IN CASE OF POSTPONEMENT.

3. If common interests arising from adverse or other conditions favour at any time the postponement of the payment of instalments either of principal or interest, or to modify the terms of the promissory note mentioned, such postponement or modification may, by mutual agreement, be provided for. Satisfactory legal guarantees as to the promissory note must be given as to the binding obligation of Ireland in accordance with its terms. All payments are to be made to the office of the Export-Import Bank at Washington "in lawful money of the U.S.A., unless the parties thereto mutually agree otherwise."

4. Provision is made for expedition in payment of any outstanding balances of the principal on any interest date without penalty or premium. It is also provided for that in the case of any default in payment, the entire of the unpaid principal and interest will become due immediately at the option and upon the demand of the holder of the promissory note, non-exercise of such right not to constitute a waiver with respect to such or any other default. The Agreement does not provide for the rumoured five per cent for administration.

OBVIOUS RISKS.

In such loans and guarantees there is, besides that of unavoidable default, the grave risk of international interference with the sovereignty of the debtor nation. In the early eighties, England so interfered in Egypt and continued in control. Few realise that under our own Land Bond Acts, beginning with that of 1925, a definite lien was given to England on the Central Fund of this country—a claim having prior right over national loans for the payment in British currency of the principal and interest on

these Land Bonds. The grounds advanced for such extraneous guarantee, repugnant alike to our sovereignty and solvency, would insult the meanest intelligence. And this apart from the grave risk which might have come to a head had Britain succeeded in her Economic War measures. The risk, however remote, is still there.

The history of the economic and financial relations of the United States with Mexico furnishes other instances. In "The Looting of Nicaragua," General Rafael de Nogales shows that dollar diplomacy, when inspired by the financiers of Wall Street, has little to learn from England, Kellogg and Stimson, though one the proud possessor of the Nobel Prize, proving anything but angels of peace and protection. Under their fostering care the financial molehill of Nicaragua's debt became a mountain. The customs were taken over and the administration came under U.S.A. control, as did Egypt that of England. So did Cuba with her practically enforced one-crop economy. Details deserve attention.

THE LESSONS OF HISTORY.

All this may be regarded as looking a "gift" horse in the mouth. But in caution lies wisdom, especially when enforced by lessons of history arising from similar conditions. But these, like sermons, we, in our vanity, apply only to others. As indicating the liberal and broad-minded attitude of the U.S.A. Press, papers such as the "Baltimore Evening Star" and "The Nation" of New York gave lengthy quotations from and commented freely on "The Looting of Nicaragua." One from "The Nation" must suffice:—"The United States created the anarchy which she is now trying to suppress. When the constitutional forces had substantially conquered the country, American marines took it for the Conservatives and to-day they are doing police work for a government which would collapse in sixty seconds if the American forces retired. What law excuses the use of American marines for Nicaraguan battle fields or of American bombing planes for mass murder?"

GIVES ONE FURIOUSLY TO THINK.

It forces one furiously to think, that the representatives of a creditor nation, with approximately 450 millions of external sterling assets, must seek loans involving grave risks to independence from international financiers to procure what this fertile undeveloped land is admirably fitted to produce, a country which even during the stress and strain of the whole emergency period produced annually an average of 450,000 tons of wheat, which, after providing for seeding and some waste, should suffice for the aggregate annual ration of 360,000 tons, and this with approximately three millions of our best wheat lands exempt from tillage. In 51 years we have paid 34 millions sterling for imported wheat. How reconcile these things?

OF HIGH CULTURE

Retired Teacher Passes Away

After a brief illness, Miss Mary Ryan, ex-N.T., Main St., Rathkeale, died in Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, on December 21st. Coming unexpectedly on the eve of the festive season of Christmas, the sad news of her death was a cause of deep sorrow to her relatives and friends. The deceased lady was a highly qualified and successful teacher. She was principal at Ardagh Girls National School for a number of years up to the time of her retirement. Gifted with a glorious voice, often heard to advantage in the Church, she was a lady of much refinement and culture and her passing recalls other days when Rathkeale was prominent in the musical world.

The remains were brought to St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, on Wednesday, 22nd December, and the funeral, which was large and representative, took place next day to the adjoining cemetery.

The officiating clergy were:—Very Rev. W. J. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F.; Very Rev. T. Canon Murphy, P.P.; Rev. T. Costello, C.C.; Rev. G. Enright, C.C.; and Rev. W. O'Grady, Adm., St. John's, Limerick.

MONTH IN JAIL

FOR STEALING BICYCLE

A young man named Patrick Joseph Purtil, a native of Coor, Ennis, was charged at Six Mile Cross District Court on Thursday, 27th of December, with the larceny of a bicycle, value for £14.

The offence was admitted, and Detective Sergeant Mulroy, called by Supt. J. S. Flynn, who prosecuted, told Justice Gordon Hurley that after stealing the bicycle defendant sold it for £2 5s., and another bicycle, which he subsequently sold for £2. He pretended that he suffered from loss of memory, and gave no help in tracing the stolen bicycle until after he had been charged with the offence at a special court. He had been away from Ennis since 1939 and claimed to have been in the Irish Army, the British Army, and the Army of Occupation in Germany, but had no records on him to prove his statements. However, that may be, witness could not say a lot of things in his favour.

Defendant said, he was separated from his wife and child, who lived in Limavady, Co. Derry, as he and his wife, who was a Protestant, had had a difference over bringing up the child in the Catholic religion. On the night of the offence he had got drunk and had not known what he had been doing. Accused was sent to prison for a month.

DEATH OF MRS. QUIRKE

With very deep sorrow we announce the death, which took place in Barrington's Hospital on Sunday, December 28th, of Mrs. Diana Quirke, wife of Mr. John A. Quirke, Insurance Broker, Rosbrien, Limerick. The deceased was a member of a prominent Clare family, being daughter of the late Patrick Duggan, merchant, Ennis. A lady of marked culture and refinement, and of a very agreeable manner, she was deservedly held in the highest regard by a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances. After Requiem Mass in St. Michael's Church on Tuesday the funeral took place the same day to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, the cortege being large and representative. To the highly-respected and widely popular husband, Mr. J. A. Quirke, and the other sorrowing relatives we extend our very sincere sympathy on their bereavement.

The funeral from St. Michael's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery was large and representative of Clare, Tipperary and Limerick.

Rev. John Lambe, C.C., Fethard (nephew), was celebrant of the Requiem Mass. The other clergy in attendance were—Rev. R.

AT THE CROSSROADS



Shannon Airport is a world crossroad, but many a world traveller went on the wrong road at Clarecastle, Co. Clare. This new signpost there will prevent future confusion. An American visitor is shown with Sergeant Long of Clarecastle.

FENIAN GUNS



These five pistols, fully primed and loaded, were found by Mr. Patrick Enright while he was repairing a ceiling at his home at Culluragh, Cratloe, Co. Clare. They had been hidden there since Fenian times. The guns are now on display in the Limerick City Museum.

RUGBY AT CHARLEVILLE

Sunday's Well were St. Stephen's Day visitors to Charleville, where they took on the local fifteen at the Rugby venue (writes our Charleville correspondent). A very strong gale blowing across the pitch prevented good football. Robust play was witnessed in the first half when both sets of forwards, at times, gave some very good forward rushes, only to be foiled by the three-quarters. Towards the closing stages of the first half, J. O'Connor, for Charleville, went over for a try, which was the first score of the match. On resuming, play became very scrappy with the exception of some very strong runs by the brothers Houlihan, who registered 2 tries each in this half, all of which were unconverted, two being in front of the posts. Of the forwards, J. O'Connor and M. Dennehy were prominent and of the backs, P. Houlihan and J. Houlihan. Full time scores: Charleville (5 tries) 15 points; Sunday's Well, Nil. Mr. J. Quirke (Clanwilliam) refereed.

PREPARATIONS FOR HOLY YEAR

Great preparations are now being made in Rome for Holy Year, 1950 (says the "Catholic Herald"). During the next few weeks work will be started on the construction of two palaces for the Holy See.

They will be situated at the beginning of the Via della Conciliazione, near the River Tiber. The foundations have already been laid.

The first will be the house of the pilgrims and will be ready for the anticipated enormous influx of people from all over the world. The second will house extra offices for the Holy See to deal exclusively

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