

singing, elocution, literature, and the Irish language. The Feile Executive were endeavouring to create in Limerick, by way of the annual festival, a centre of Irish culture.

FIRST PLAY.

After the official opening, the College Players presented "Portrait of Miriam." This was the first play produced in this year's Felle drama competitions, which will continue during the next two weeks. It is learned that entries for these competitions have been received from practically every county in Munster. In all, twelve full length dramas, five one act plays, and eight Irish plays will be presented.

IMPORTANT POST

B.O.A. STATION MANAGER

Mr. E. J. Coughlan, a native of Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, now residing in Limerick, has been appointed station manager of British Overseas Airways Corporation at Shannon Airport (writes our special representative at Rineanna). The first Irishman to hold this position, Mr. Coughlan is a former officer of the mercantile marine, who switched to aviation when he joined Imperial Airways in 1937, his first appointment being to Whitchurch Airport, England.

He was transferred as traffic officer to Foynes in 1942, and when B.O.A.C. started its North Atlantic landplane service through Shannon Airport, Mr. Coughlan became acting station superintendent for twelve months. He now succeeds Mr. Alan Dewdney, who has been transferred on promotion to Line Control, at the Corporation's new North Atlantic maintenance base, at Filton, Bristol.

Both station managers met their future wives while serving at Foynes during the flying boat days. Mr. Dewdney married Miss Little of Foynes, and Mr. Coughlan married Miss M. O'Donnell, of Pallaskenry.

Mr. Coughlan is the third Irishman to be appointed station manager of an international airline at Shannon.

NOT A TRAVELLER

BUT SAID HE WAS

Before Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., at Abbeyfeale Court, Mrs. Nora Liston, Athea, was summoned for a breach of the licensing laws on Sunday, February 20th.

Inspector J. Butler, G.S., prosecuted.

Defendant was not professionally represented.

Guard Sparrow said he found on the premises at 3.55 p.m. a man who was not a traveller.

Guard Kelly said that when he entered the premises the man was

his old skill and dash.

FAMOUS OARSMAN PASSES

Death Of Mr. Michael O'Brien

One of the most prominent Irish oarsmen of former years has passed away in the person of Mr. Michael O'Brien, who died at his residence, Clarina, Limerick, on Friday last. The deceased was a member of the famous rowing quartette that won fame for Shannon Rowing Club in the early part of the present century, the other three being Mr. John Hall, Mr. Jim Shanahan, and the late Paddy Healy. Mr. Hall and Mr. Shanahan, the latter residing in America, are still hale and hearty. Mr. O'Brien, who was then connected with the drapery trade in Limerick, being a member of the staff of Messrs. Cannock and Company, was bowman of the famous four that made history for Shannon Rowing Club in 1907, when winning the Metropolitan Cup, a feat not accomplished before or since by any Limerick crew. He started his rowing career in 1897 and speedily came to the front as an oarsman of great merit and promise. He rowed first as a senior oarsman with John Hall as stroke. He was also Hall's partner as champion pairs. Later, when Healy became stroke, he rowed as bow in the unbeaten four of Shannon; and was also a member of the eight who beat the famous Bann crew. He also rowed in the pairs with Paddy Healy and had many successes.

The late Mr. O'Brien was in every respect a fine type of Irishman. Of Athletic build and figure, he took a very keen interest in sport, especially aequatics. Kindly, sociable and good humoured, he was a great favourite with all classes and his death is deeply regretted not only by his immediate relatives and friends but by sportsmen all over the country and by a wide circle of friends in general.

The news of Mr. O'Brien's death came as a special shock to Shannon Rowing Club, of which he was for so many years a prominent and popular member. At the Club on Friday night a few minutes silence was observed as a tribute to his memory.

TOOK WRONG BOOTS

MIX-UP AFTER A DANCE

the scheduled rates revised the trade of the port is bound to suffer.



HOW IT OPERATES.

That the high freightage rates fixed for Limerick by the British Chamber of Shipping is having a depressing effect on trade to the port there is no doubt whatever. A Limerick coal importer stated, in private conversation, recently that he could have coal delivered into his yard ten shillings per ton cheaper via Dungarvan than via Limerick. He gave facts and figures in support of his statement and the wonder is that our port is having any cross-Channel trade in the circumstances. Limerick must be up and doing to ensure that we get a fair deal in cross-Channel freightage charges. We are labouring under enough disadvantages without having to shoulder unfair rates in relation to rival ports.



CHERISHED SOUVENIR.

While the Irish players attempted to scamper to freedom at the end of the Triple Crown tie at Swansea on Saturday they were festooned with hands eager to appraise each of them. Fortunately enough, Limerick's Tom Clifford managed to escape the attention of his ardent admirers, but while the excitement was reigning "Tom" got the greatest souvenir of the day—the ball. Watchful eyes and gleeful faces there were as the Young Munster man tucked the leather under his jersey and made the shortest cut possible to the dressing-room. Incidentally, "Tom" follows in the footsteps of Paddy Reid in representing the Shannonside on Ireland's Triple Crown victory team.



MONSIGNOR KISSANE.

Right Rev. Monsignor Kissane, the eminent President of Maynooth, met a number of old and intimate friends during his brief visit to Limerick. He was the guest of Very Rev. Canon Moloney, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's, a priest of singularly scholarly attainments. His Lordship the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, also met the Maynooth President,