

WORLD'S BIGGEST 'PLANE FOR SHANNON



Pan-American's 71 ton Boeing Stratocruiser, the "Clipper America," the world's largest passenger plane, which will call at Shannon Airport next Tuesday.

IN AID OF CHURCH FUND

TWO LADY GREGORY PLAYS AT BALLINGARRY

An overflow audience packed the Hall, Ballingarry, on Sunday night, to see the local Dramatic Class present the "Workhouse Ward," and to see the Granagh Dramatic Class present "Spreading The News," in aid of the fund towards the renovation of St. Joseph's Church, Granagh, (writes our Ballingarry correspondent). Both were one act plays and were well received by the large audience present.

The Rev. Father Connolly, C.C., Granagh, thanked the audience for the wonderful support given by them towards this worthy project of raising funds to carry out the very necessary work to St. Joseph's Church, and thanked all those who contributed to the success of the night's entertainment.

Mr. Tadhg Smalle, Limerick, rendered some very fine selections on the violin. Miss May Evans, Limerick, delighted the audience with some beautiful exhibitions of Irish step-dancing. Miss Mary O'Keefe, Fortwilliam, Ballingarry, gave a splendid rendering of that pathetic song, "Who Will Buy My Pretty Flowers," and Mr. Joseph Hanly, Limerick, drew great applause for his rendering of that well-known song, "The Fair Of Cappamore."

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The giant new Boeing Stratocruiser, "The Queen of the Airplanes," goes into world-wide service with six major airlines shortly, and makes her maiden crossing of the Atlantic this weekend. Pan American World Airways are bringing the first 67½ ton, double deck airliner on a courtesy visit to Europe, and it is scheduled to touch down at Shannon Airport on next Tuesday.

Cruising at 340 m.p.h., it carries 80 passengers, plus two to four tons of cargo and mail. The newest, largest, fastest and most luxurious post war commercial airliner, it is powered by four 3500 h.p. Pratt and Whitney engines.

The Stratocruiser, due here on Tuesday is the first of twenty bought by P.A.A. at a cost of 30 million dollars, and was ceremonially christened "Clipper America" by Margaret Truman, daughter of the U.S. President. The stratocruiser will not overfly Shannon, because while having greater speed than the Constellation, its range is shorter.

A giant electrical generator, the size of a double-decker bus, has been installed at PAA maintenance base at Shannon for re-charging the new airliners, while a new fleet of re-fueling trucks has been provided by Esso for refueling. For a westbound crossing from Shannon, the huge aircraft will require 5,300 gallons of high octane fuel, as compared with 2,600 for a Constellation and 2,200 for a Skymaster.

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ADARE LADY'S DEATH

MRS. KITTY FINNEGAN

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Kitty Finnegan, wife of Mr. Michael Finnegan, B.E., Cushina, Portarlinton, Leix, and second daughter of Mr. David O'Shaughnessy, auctioneer, Adare, was received in Adare with sincere regret by the general community, with whom she was a great favourite (writes our Adare correspondent).

The funeral from Cushina to Adare Parish Church was met on the way by many cars and outside the village by a big crowd, and on the following day the cortege to the family burial ground, Adare, was of immense proportions, which showed how popular she was.

Deceased came from an old West Limerick family, being niece of the late Mr. P. J. O'Shaughnessy, M.P. for West Limerick for many years.

The chief mourners were—Messrs. M. Finnegan (husband); David O'Shaughnessy (father); T. O'Shaughnessy, M.R.C.V.S. (brother); Misses Winnie and Josie O'Shaughnessy, Mrs. T. O'Shaughnessy (sisters); Arthur Finnegan (father-in-law); Rev. P. Finnegan (Chinese Mission), Rev. J. Finnegan, C.C.; Dr. Hugh Finnegan, Ballyganley, A. Finegan, Castleblaney; T. O'Shaughnessy (Roches Stores, Limerick) (brothers-in-law); Miss Winnie Finnegan (sister-in-law); Miss K. O'Shaughnessy (aunt); M. O'Shaughnessy (Askeaton), P. Gallagher and Mrs. Gallagher, W. O'Shaughnessy, John O'Shaughnessy, J. Cahill, P. O'Shaughnessy, Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, M. O'Shaughnessy, Joe Cussen, Mrs. Maedge Cussen (Ballyegan), J. Sheehy and Mrs. Sheehy (Ardgool), J. O'Shaughnessy (Newcastle West), M. and Mrs. Fitzgerald (Barrigone), M. O'Kelly (cousins).

It would be impossible to give a list of the general public or a list of the numerous Mass cards.

The officiating clergy were—Very Rev. Canon Dunworth, P.P., Adare; Very Rev. Canon Wallace, P.P., Kildimo; Rev. Dr. Casey, D.D., C.C., Adare; Rev. P. O'Dea, C.C., Kilsenny; Rev. J. Enright, C.C., Rathkeale; Rev. J. Gilleran, C.C., Ferbane; Rev. D. Rea, C.C., Askeaton; Rev. J. Culhane, C.C., Kilmallock; Rev. J. O'Connor, C.C., Glin.

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