

OBITUARIES

Mr. John Ryan, Adare.

The death occurred on Saturday, October 22nd, at his residence, Clonshire, Adare, of John Ryan. Deceased was very well known and popular, having been for 48 years attached to the Limerick Fox Hounds. The remains were removed on Saturday evening to the parish church, Adare. The funeral to Bohernakill on Monday was one of the largest seen in the district for years. Very Rev. Canon R. Donworth, P.P., officiated, assisted by Rev. Wm. Boyce, P.P., Cappa, and Rev. J. Casey, C.C., D.D., Adare.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. J. Ryan (wife), Mary (daughter), John, Matthew, James, Patrick, Edward, Thomas, Michael (sons); James, Patrick (brothers); Nora, Margaret (sisters), and a large number of near relatives.

Floral tributes:—Limerick Hunt Club, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, Cappa House.

Telegrams and messages of sympathy:—Convent of Mercy, Adare; W. Brookbanks, Johannesburg; Fonz Hickey, Birmingham; Nellie Cahill, Ballisodare; Annie O'Donnell, Rathkeale; Mrs. P. Fitzgerald, Askeaton, Kitty Crogan, Dublin; C. and Mrs. Smyth, Limerick; Mary and Tony Barry, Dublin; Bridget, Newbury; Maggie and Bert, Berks; M. O'Keefe, Paleskenry; J. Tierney, Dublin; John Goodwin, Rathkeale; Nora and Larry, Milford, Carlow; Markham family, Rathkeale; John and Mrs. Maher, Lisowel; Mrs. Banks, Rathkeale; Mrs. Sheehan, Callow; Mrs. S. O'Connell, Ennis; Kathleen Hennessy, Dunlooghair; T. Ryan, Askeaton; Mrs. Barker, Newbury; C. O'Connor, Dublin; Mrs. and Mr. Raleigh, Kilmallock; Mrs. Purhill, Park, Shanagolden; Dick Dorney, England; Mrs. C. O'Donoghue, Templeglantine; Kitty Hayes, Croom; Mrs. Corbett, Pallasgreen; Mr. Hueston, Adare.

MASS CARDS.

Jackie, Peg and children; wife and family; Matt and Maureen; Anna, John and Finbarr; Jimmy; Sister Nora; Sister Margaret; Brother James; Paddy, Mary and family; Mary and Lena; Nellie, Moss and family; Nan, Tom and family; Jack, Josie and Annie Quirke; Mrs. Quinn; Quirke family; John and Mary Quinn; Mary, Jim and family; Doupe family; the O'Reilly family; Ned Reilly and family; Gerard and Sheila O'Connell, Ennis; Mrs. James Cavanagh; John Hickey; Stephen A. McCarthy; Stephen B. McCarthy; Mrs. Quinn and daughter; Fonsie and mother; Thomas Hickey and family; Babe and Son Boland; Mrs. P. Hickey, James and family; the Buckley family, Fort Union; the Staff, Adare Co-op.; Francis Hickey; Mr. and Mrs. R. Penny and family, Limerick; Bill Dundon and family, Ardhanabally; Paddy Kett; the Kett family, Barnalick; Bill and Bridget Creagh; Angela Sheehan, Callow; the staff L. & N., Limerick; the Creagh family, Patricks-well; John Joe and Josie Murphy; John and Margaret Raleigh, Kilmallock; O'Dwyer family, Adare; John Bond, Limerick; Eileen Byrnes; Andy, Kate and Sally; Kitty and Con Cavanagh; O'Grady, Raheen; O'Grady family, Cappa; John and Aggie Keogh; John and Mary Buckley and family, Barnalick; John Joe and Bridie; Matthew family, Clonshire; Duggan family, Cappa; John and Mrs. Sparling; J. Hanley, Adare; Mrs. Dundon, Barnalick; James Cavanagh; McMahon family, Comeen; Jimmy Dundon; Paddy and Baby Normoyle; Fonz and Brig. Hickey, Birmingham; John McMahon, Stoneville; John O'Shaughnessy, Leix; Christy O'Connor, Dublin; Mrs. Brookbanks, Berks.

The widow, daughter and sons of the late John Ryan wish to return their sincere thanks to all those who sent Mass cards, telegrams, messages of sympathy, and to all who attended the funeral. Trusting this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgement.

Mr. D. Honan, Clonlara

The funeral of Mr. D. Honan, ex-N.T., Clonlara, on Monday, 31st ult., from Clonlara Church, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, was one of the largest seen in the district for many years. Mourners came from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect to the mortal remains of a gentleman who was held in affectionate regard. So large was the attendance it would be utterly impossible to give a list of the general public at the obsequies.

Celebrant of the Requiem High Mass was Rev. E. Vaughan, P.P., Clonlara; deacon, Rev. J. Cooney, C.C., Monsea; sub-deacon, Rev. T. Hehir, C.C., Nenagh; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Hayes, C.C., Clonlara.

In the choir were:—Very Rev. Canon O'Molloy, P.P., V.F., Killaloe; Very Rev. Canon Hamilton, P.P., Newmarket-on-Fergus; Rev. J. Ryan, P.P., Scariff; Rev. R. Kennedy, C.C., Newmarket-on-Fergus; Rev. J. Casey, C.C., Killaloe; Rev. Father O'Dwyer, C.C., Killaloe; Rev. Father Hogan, C.C., Castleconnell; Rev. Father Whyte, C.C., Castleconnell; Rev. Father Gaffney, C.C., Temple-

Mr. M. Quinn, Loughgur.

The demise of above highly respected parishioner of Knockaliny, evoked tributes of condolence from a wide district in East Limerick and Tipperary (writes a correspondent).

The late Mr. Quinn was son-in-law of the late Mr. Owen Breanan, D.C., who championed the cause of the evicted tenants, and became an outstanding figure in the stirring days of the land war.

The huge dimensions of his funeral from St. Patrickswell Church to Emly was a striking tribute of public sympathy to the deceased's family, bereaved widow and friends, and amply demonstrated the great respect in which Mr. Quinn was held by all classes.

Chief mourners and relatives were:—Mrs. Quinn (widow), Mrs. Michael Costelloe (daughter), Michael Costelloe (son-in-law), Ed. Quinn (brother), Patrick and Michael Donovan (nephews), Mary and Josephine Donovan, Mrs. Benjamin Shorten, Mrs. Nora Maher, Mrs. Laurence Dineen, Mrs. Patrick Donovan (nieces), Helen, Mary and Roddy Costelloe (grand-children), Mr. and Mrs. William O'Meara, John and Marian Hennessy, Patrick and Kate Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eustace, Mrs. John Creed, Mrs. Thomas Dineen, Michael Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Donovan, Mr. and Mrs. Denis Costelloe, Mrs. O'Connell, Miss Mary Costelloe, Dr. H. Bugler, Mr. and Mrs. John Costelloe, Laurence Costelloe, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clery, Gabriel Clery, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien, Wm. Coleman, Mrs. M. E. Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bourke, Mr. and Mrs. T. Doherty, Mrs. Margaret Doherty, Mr. Patrick Foley, Mr. and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, etc.

The officiating clergy were:—Rev. Father O'Meara, C.C., Knockaliny (celebrant of the Requiem Mass, assisted by Rev. Father Foley, P.P., Knockaliny); Very Rev. J. Canon McCarthy, P.P., V.F., Hospital; Rev. D. McGrath, C.C., do.; Rev. J. P. Ryan, C.C., Herbertstown; Rev. M. Sampson, P.P., Knocklong; Rev. Father Kennedy, C.C., do.; Rev. Father O'Byrne, C.C., Emly.

Mrs. M. Cowhey, Croagh

The death occurred at her residence, Gorthrea, Croagh, on October 17th, of Mrs. Margaret Cowhey, after an illness of short duration. The deceased, who had reached an advanced age, was a member of a well-known West-Limerick family. She was of a kindly and charitable disposition and highly respected by all who knew her.

A large cortege accompanied the remains to the Parish Church on Monday evening, and the funeral to St. Mary's Cemetery, Rathkeale, on Tuesday, was very large and representative.

The clergy who officiated at the graveside were: Very Rev. T. Canon Murphy, P.P., Croagh; Very Rev. W. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F., Rathkeale; Very Rev. Father Fitzgerald, P.P., Killoleeman; Rev. Father Costelloe, C.C.; Rev. Father Enright, C.C., and Rev. Father Fitzgibbon, C.C.

Mrs. M. Madigan, Adare

Sincere and widespread regret was occasioned by the death of Mrs. Margaret Madigan, merchant, Clonara, Adare, which took place at a fairly advanced age after a brief illness (writes our Adare correspondent). Deceased, who carried on a lucrative business, was extremely popular, being of a generous and charitable disposition. She was highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

The funeral, which took place to the family burial ground, Kildimo, was very large and representative, bearing testimony of the high esteem in which deceased and relatives are held. Mass cards were too numerous to include.

The chief mourners were: Edward, Timothy, Michael (brothers); Kate (sister); Mary, Joe, Vera, Mrs. Donoghue (nieces); John, Michael (nephews); Mrs. Michael and Timothy Kennedy (sisters-in-law).

Clergy present were:—Very Rev. Canon Dunworth, P.P.; Rev. Dr. Casey, D.D., C.C., Adare; Very Rev. Canon Wallace, P.P., and Rev. Father Ryan, C.C., Kildimo.

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Chief mourners were:—Mrs. Maire Honan (widow), Sister M. Brigid, Sister M. Francis, Xavier, Maureen (daughters), Paddy (son), Mrs. P. Honan (daughter-in-law), Patrick (brother), Mrs. J. Moloney, Mrs. M. Clancy, Ita Honan (nieces), Mrs. Mgt. Honan, Mrs. M. O'Flanagan, Mrs. O'Farrell, Mrs. P. J. O'Flanagan (sisters-in-law), Rev. E. O'Flanagan, P.P.; James, Patrick, Michael, Eugene and Tommy O'Flanagan (brothers-in-law), Senator T. V. Honan and Paddy Honan (cousins).

Numerous Mass cards were placed on the coffin.

WANDERING AROUND WITH J.N.S.

The Ill-Effects Of Soccer Transfers

Do League of Ireland club directors care a tinker's cuss about the sporting side of the game or are they in it for what they get out of it?—is the very pointed question addressed to me from a reader, who goes on to ask: "Why should we act as a central market to supply English League clubs with players? Surely they should leave us alone." There are two sides to most questions. I do not think any astute business man would ever think of putting his money in football as a good or even reasonably safe investment. That is not the motive—at least, it shouldn't be. It is quite possible, however, that with his money sunk in the club, he may become more financially minded than sport minded. His idea may not be to make money out of the game, but to see it is safe; hence the undue haste to make hay while the sun shines in the transfer market.

AN OPPOSITE POLICY. In English soccer when a team is faring badly it spends money which probably it can ill afford in the hope of strengthening its forces, and it is in this respect that I sometimes wish our clubs had the same spirit. What we do, however, when things are not going too well and gates begin falling off is to weaken our playing strength by selling a player or two to an English club.

Now, though we may say soccer is much more commercialised in Britain than it is here, the commercialism is directed towards securing players to strengthen their side; here we transfer players to strengthen the club financially—not from the playing point of view. Cross-Channel clubs, of course, have a much bigger incentive than ours. Third Division clubs are aiming to get into the Second Division, and Second Division clubs into the first, while the latter may be engaged in a championship conquest or against relegation.

Here in Ireland we have no second division; no relegation. The last two clubs in the League championship know pretty well that they will be re-elected. So you see, apart from the spirit of the game, there is little or no incentive in our football to keep fighting to the last gasp; or to keep players should there be money in them.

"WINNING EASY MONEY."

There seems to be an impression, as indicated in the letter from the Limerick reader, that club directors are feathering their nests by these transfers, but I cannot subscribe to this view, though I am prepared to agree that by these transfers the club is made safe for at least another season, without relying on public support. This method of winning easy money must, of course, lead to indolence.

My main criticism of our club directors is their apparent lack of pride in building up a football edifice, or, rather, when they have got it built up, their readiness to thrust players on the market. Some of them, especially those controlling provincial clubs, may have no alternative, it being a case of "Must when the Devil drives."

But I fear that in many cases a lot of young players are being deliberately "built up" for export—just like fattening turkeys for Christmas. Our clubs are now much more independent of their supporters, because, as I say, a couple of transfer fees may well bring in

much more revenue than their support at matches.

Let us confess it, none of our clubs are trying to hide their talent; in fact, they are using the newspapers to publicise it. They are putting their players in the shop window and inviting English clubs to have a look at the display. I can recall the days when club managers and talent scouts in search of players had to attend matches in secret. They were not welcome; and I am talking of the smaller English non-league clubs as well as our own.

ENGLISH ARE OUT FOR BETTER FARE.

Concerning the question: "Why should we act as a central market to supply English clubs?" our friend must remember that if there were no sellers there would be no buyers. If English clubs think there is talent in the country to strengthen their teams, and so give better fare to their patrons, which is the objective of their directors, isn't their buying much more laudable than our selling?

English clubs buy in the hope of improving their teams, and so giving their patrons more value for their money. Our clubs sell to get cash, caring nought about the reaction of their patrons. With the present transfer ramp they don't need em—there's lots more money in players than spectators.

Of course, you can't have your cake and eat it. This transfer ramp isn't going to last. All booms come to an end; and generally when they do depression follows. And that's what is coming to us in our soccer. The country is being ravaged of its best playing talent. What's going to happen when it has all gone? And that won't be before long.

When England has recovered from its war scars, and each year will bring its improvements, no longer will an army of talent spotters, directors and managers be descending on this country as they are now doing. Our clubs will have no other alternative but to exist on their gates; with no talent to satisfy the needs of the soccer-minded folk they may find it very hard to do so.

Incidentally, I wonder if our clubs would be quite as keen on their kite flying expeditions to make trade with English clubs if the player transferred was rewarded with two-thirds of the fee. I would suggest that all players on signing for our clubs, especially juniors, make this an agreement in their contract.

SUGGESTED NEW RULE FOR RUGBY CODE.

I have received a most constructive letter from a member of the Committee of the North Munster Referees' Association, in which he gives his name and address, but I am not quite clear whether he wishes me to give it or not, and the only reason why I do not do so is because of the old newspaperman's axiom: "When in doubt leave out."

Our good friend writes: "We referees are all for brighter rugby but, of course, we are bound by the rules and would welcome any change for the better. Although I have seen a lot of Rugby League (and to see it is to enjoy rugby at its best), I don't think reducing the number of forwards to six is going to give us the rugby we want, not to mention the fact that

I do not think for one moment would the International Board even consider such a change, but if we could get the offside rule amended I firmly believe we'd have better rugby."

"Let them bring in a rule that NO MEMBER of the opposing side pass beyond the centre of the scrum until the ball is out of heeled clear. This would allow the scrum-half plenty of time to get the ball away. As you are aware, at present a man is not offside (I'm dealing with scrummagers now) except he remains with either foot in front of the ball."

"So what have we—a wing forward and scrum-half breaking around the opponent's scrum before the ball is heeled, plus the out-half racing up to smother his vis-a-vis, and provided they don't remain there they are not offside. Surely, this is not the spirit of rugby football?"

THE MAIN TROUBLE.

"Make every man keep his eye on the ball and penalise him if he is blind enough to over-run it. It would make our job a lot easier, too, as can well be imagined." This, indeed, is a very sensible letter. The new rule, as our referee friend suggests, would help considerably. The main trouble seems to be caused by badgering and jumping on the poor little scrum half-back.

Even if he isn't nabbed or smothered he has got to be in such a dazed hurry gathering the ball, which is inclined to trickle out of the scrum, always, that unless he is exceptionally smart, or lucky, his pass out to his out-half is either wild or muffed.

But, has our friend forgotten about the wing-forward? He usually makes himself a bit of a destructive nuisance. Why not clip his wings by bringing in a rule to keep him tied down in the scrum until the ball is clear of it?

Really, I do not know what has come over the game. I certainly get no joy in watching it. I am not hard to please; neither do I expect our young manhood to be as expert as the professional, but even from amateurs there should be some sense in the game. As it is being played in most matches I have seen I repeat what I have said before—it is a most stupid and senseless game.

The only real rugby team I have seen for many moons is Queen's University. The others, including the next best, remind me of a gathering of Waifs and Strays. I am not wanting to say it, and I get no joy out of it, but rugby seems to have degenerated into what may be termed "Any way for a kick."

CASTLECONNELL & AHANE RAFFLE

A grand Xmas raffle is being organised in aid of the Parochial Fund. Very valuable prizes have been donated for the purpose. The parish is most fortunate in having such an energetic and capable ladies' committee, who are doing everything possible to make the project a huge success. Our friends away are doing their part in helping to dispose of books of tickets. Counterfoils and cash are already arriving.

JOHN HEALY, N.T., Ahane, Lisnagry, Co. Limerick.

TRANSPORT BOARD

Views Of Union Official

WORK FOR NEW BOARD

MR. JOHN CONROY, Vice-President, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, speaking in Limerick on Sunday, made important references to the Transport Bill now before the Dail.

The meeting was held in Transport Union Hall and the attendance included those sections of C.I.E. workers that are connected with railway road passenger, and road freight services.

Mr. Conroy, in the course of his address, said that the new Transport Bill, or any Bill or Act, not of itself provide the country with a satisfactory transport service. It was regrettable that the existing service given neither service nor satisfaction. The present transport service was unsatisfactory for the users of it and also for those who earned their livelihood in it. If there was to be a reasonably satisfactory national transport system measures must be taken to see that it served the users of the service, and that served them in a manner that satisfied their reasonable requirements.

This could not be brought about by any legislation enacted by Dail, no matter how perfect such legislation was. The solution lay with good and efficient management and the goodwill and co-operation of every employee in service, from the Chairman of a Committee of Management down to the most junior employee.

Good management, efficiency, all-in co-operation by every member of the staff could be achieved that passengers could be transported in reasonable comfort to their destinations on time and to the goods of every description transported as the owner desired without damage or delay, then the confidence of the public in the national transport undertaking would, doubt, be secured, and if transport undertaking had public confidence it would, in his opinion, have overcome its major difficulties.

"I do not think," he continued, "this can be brought about by mere appointment of a new Committee of Management, costing many thousands of pounds per annum for their salaries, if it is intention that they will meet an hour or two each week for purpose of hearing reports, formally approving of routine matters requiring sanction."

"AS BAD AS IT COULD BE."

"As we all know," he declared, "the transport position is as bad as it possibly could be and if it is a sincere desire to provide transport service, worthy of the name it can only be brought about by first ascertaining clearly fully what is wrong and then proceeding to remedy the present facts. To do so it is, in my judgment, necessary for the new Board of Management to be a full-time one and it should set good example to employees of the Company working a full day every week. If it is to do the job for which it is being appointed, i.e., provide a country with an efficient and satisfactory national transport service it is essential for it to have an appreciation of all the defects of the present undertaking and to mine in detail each proposal remedy them. To do this it is necessary to understand all factors pertaining to transport, human and physical, and to take the new Committee of Management very many months working an 8-hour day to acquire knowledge. If this is not done the new Management Committee you can be assured that in another few years we will again have further transport crisis, and continue to have, as we have in every few years for the past years, further "break-downs" of the transport undertaking, lowered by further new legislation.

"I am convinced that an efficient and well-run transport service managed so that the public and those employed in it have confidence in it and, therefore, give their co-operation, will ensure a strong power sufficient to maintain it. I see no justification whatever for the submission that the national transport service should be subsidised by the State, meaning of course, by direct taxation of their citizens. I believe that if national transport service given service and satisfaction it can be maintained out of its own revenue or by revenue secured out of transport."

RAILWAYMEN IN THE UNION

Dealing with Union affairs, Conroy said that because of widespread requests from all parts of the country for their Union to organise railway men, the National Executive Council of the Union agreed to undertake to organise railwaymen within the Union, though this decision was a recent one, they have already over 1,000 railwaymen in membership, present this meant discussing with representatives of C.I.E. the making of the necessary arrangements to provide for the setting up of negotiation machinery between the Union and the Company on behalf of their railway worker members.

They had in membership of the Union the workers employed in the Company's road passenger and freight services from Dublin

SWEEP TICKET NOMS DE PLUME

No. 1 "I COULDN'T CARE LESS"



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