

## ROAD REPAIRS

### Motions Before Co. Council

#### MATTERS REFERRED TO ENGINEER

MR. P. T. McCARTHY had nine motions for repairs to roads in his area before Limerick Co. Council's fortnightly meeting on Saturday.

Mr. McCarthy's motions asked the Council to sanction expenditure for repairing roads at Mountmahon, Knocknasma, Knockbrack, Athea, Beenaneasbulg, Seonglas, Priest's Caves, all in the Abbeyfeale district. He also required that the road from Knocknasma-Cratloe road to the Abbeyfeale-Athea road, passing by the footbridge over the Oolagh River, be declared a public road, and that the footbridge at Knocknasma be replaced by a road bridge.

When the motions came before the Council—they were contained in the third item on the agenda—Mr. McCarthy was not present.

#### CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION.

The Chairman (Mr. J. W. Cauty) suggested that all the motions be referred to the County Engineer.

Mr. J. J. McNamara—It is ridiculous to have one member coming in here before one meeting with nine motions.

Chairman—Every road in the parish and everyone near it must be included here.

Mr. J. Mackey said that every county road in Limerick had been neglected for years. It was time something was done about them. It is very hard to blame Mr. McCarthy. Mr. McNamara is getting up here meeting after meeting suggesting that county roads should be repaired. Sure we all know the water tables on our county roads were not cleaned for five years.

Chairman—Indeed, they must have been cleaned this very year. They were cleaned in my area anyway.

Mr. Mackey—Not in mine. It isn't fair for any member to criticise Mr. McCarthy. He is doing his duty. The people are in a very bad humour at the moment about the way the county roads are kept.

Chairman—We will leave all these notices of motion to the County Engineer.

#### COONAGH AND KNOCKEA ROADS.

Mr. P. Clohessy said that while on the subject of roads he should mention the condition of two, one at Coonagh and one at Knockea. The Coonagh road was half done and abandoned.

The Engineer (Mr. M. G. Aherne) said he would look into the condition of both roads.

Mr. McCarthy arrived at this stage and moved his motions. He said that doctors and priests had broken their car springs on all the roads mentioned.

Mr. Mackey—Yerra is it for the priests and doctors you are out now? In that case, I withdraw what I said in your favour earlier on (laughter).

After some further discussion, it was unanimously decided to refer Mr. McCarthy's motions to the Co. Engineer.

#### COOLE ROAD.

Mr. P. Langan moved that the Coole Road, Athea, be completed. He said that about three-quarters of this road had been surfaced, but the rest of it had been left undone.

The County Engineer said that the road referred to was laid down by way of a minor relief scheme, and work on it would have to be done through a similar scheme. "We will apply for an additional grant to have this work done," he said.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS

The Irish Red Cross Society's 1949 Christmas Seals are now available. All over the world the sale of Christmas Seals has become a tra-

## OBITUARY

Mrs. P. Cunningham, Doon

THE death of Mrs. Patrick Cunningham, Doon, which occurred recently, after a very short illness, has occasioned deep regret and sorrow amongst a large circle of relatives and friends. A deeply religious and charitable woman, her retiring nature commanded the esteem and respect of all who knew her. She was mother of Sister Mary Columba, Convent of Mercy, Werneth Grange, Oldham, and of Sean Cunningham, well-known Secretary of the East Limerick Board, G.A.A.

The officiating clergy at the funeral were Rev. Father Lee, C.C., Doon; Rev. Father Cooney, Chapelain, do.; Rev. Father Gilmartin, C.C., Murroe; Rev. Father Breen, C.C., Cashel; Rev. Father Lynch, C.C., Clonouky; Rev. Father Punch, P.P., Mungret; Rev. Dom Winoc, Glenstal Priory; Rev. Father Morrissey, Australian Missions; Rev. Father Walshe, C.C., Cappamore.

The attendance of the public at the interment in the local cemetery was very representative and included Rev. Father Punch, P.P., Chairman, Limerick Co. Board, G.A.A.; Mr. M. Fitzgibbon, Treasurer, do.; Mr. P. Fitzgibbon, Chairman, East Board, G.A.A.; Mr. Sean Hayes, M.C.C.; Rev. Father Barry, C.C., Golden.

The chief mourners were: Sean, Eddie (sons), Sister M. Columba, Convent of Mercy, Oldham; Mrs. H. A. Wells, Mrs. W. Ryan, Golden (daughters); Sister Barbara, Presentation Convent, Cashel; Mrs. M. O'Carroll, The Square, Cappawhite (sisters); Patricia and Barbara Wells (grandchildren); W. Cunningham (brother-in-law); W. Ryan (son-in-law); Michael, Jim and Eddie Quirke; Jimmy, Eddie, Tommy and Maurice Carroll (nephews); Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bergin (nieces).

Cables and messages of sympathy were received from—Father White, C.C., Castleconnell; Russell, Golden; Bob Nix, Borrisokane; Pat Downes, Limerick; Pat and Mary Fouhy, Charleville; J. Keenan, Dublin; Mrs. Sadler, Limerick; Bergin family, Cavan; Rev. Father Lynch, C.C., Clonouky; May Ryan, Limerick; O'Halloran family, Milltown Malbay; Sister Barbara, Presentation Convent, Cashel; Berkery, George's Quay, Dublin; Dan Bourke, T.D.; Cantwell, Charleville; Michael Franklin, Golden; Tess Shanahan, Golden; Mescall family, Golden; Blake family, Golden; Teresa O'Connor, Cashel; Rev. Mother and Community, Oldham; Kenny, Dublin; Moroney, Milltown Malbay; Katie Hassett, do.; O'Dea family, Dublin; P. O'Reilly, Vice-Chairman, Limerick County Board, G.A.A.; O'Reilly, Cappamore G.A.A.; Bridget O'Grady, Ballisbridge, Dublin; Tom and Mai Moroney, Athea; Doon Hurling Club; P. Clohessy, Treasurer, East Board, G.A.A.

Mass cards were sent by:—Jack and Eddie; Sister Barbara; Della and children; Willie and Peggie; the O'Carroll family, Dublin; Josie, Vincent and Mary; Mary Ryan; Willie and Mary; Willie and Lucia; the O'Dwyer family; the Quirke family, Glenareagh; Jim and Mrs. Quirke; Annie and Michael Darcy; Nicholas Ransford and family; Mrs. Buckley; Ellie O'Brien, Dublin; Michael and Katie O'Connor; Thomas and Louisa Hayes; Mick and Greta Davern, Cashel; the Moore family; "A School Companion," Doon; Angela Cantwell; the O'Dea family, Sandymount, Dublin; M. Fitzgibbon and family, Limerick; Jack and Eileen O'Connell, Ballinacurra, Limerick; Limerick County Board, G.A.A.; Doon Hurling Club.

## HOUSING NEEDS

### In Mungret Area

#### DEPUTATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL

AT a meeting of Limerick County Council on Saturday, Mr. J. W. Cauty, Chairman, presiding.

A deputation from Mungret, headed by Very Rev. E. Punch, P.P., introduced by Mr. P. Lillis, asked the Council to provide houses for the people of the Mungret area.

#### FREE CEMENT WOULD BE GIVEN.

Father Punch said that about forty married men in Mungret were without proper housing accommodation. It was essential that the Council should provide houses for them. He understood the Cement Factory was prepared to give free cement for the building of houses.

The Chairman pointed out that the difficulty was to find sites. A site which it was proposed to acquire compulsorily was turned down by the engineer. That meant that voluntary sites would have to be got near the village because if the Council now initiated a compulsory purchase scheme for Mungret, it would be three years before the site would be ready to build on. On the other hand, if the sites could be acquired voluntarily building could start within six months.

#### "WRONG MENTALITY."

Mr. Lillis said it had been suggested recently at a Council meeting that the responsibility for providing houses for their workers rested with the Cement Factory. That was a completely wrong mentality about the whole position. In fact, if houses were so built, he would advise potential tenants not to take them because as soon as they became disemployed from the Factory the management could throw them out on the road. "The responsibility of providing houses for these people rests with the Council," he said, "and we should do all in our power to live up to that responsibility."

#### VOLUNTARY SITES POSSIBLE.

Father Punch said it might be possible to get voluntary sites, but the Council might have to pay big prices for them.

Chairman—In which case the tenants would have to pay big rents.

Father Punch—Some of them are earning £7 10s. a week.

After some further discussion, Father Punch said he would investigate the possibility of getting voluntary sites and notify the Co. Manager if successful.

## DEATH OF MRS. NEVILLE, BALLYSTEEN

The death occurred recently at her residence, Ballysteen, of Mrs. Annie Neville, relict of John Neville (writes our Askeaton correspondent). The late Mrs. Neville had reached an advanced age and her passing is much regretted.

The remains were removed to Ballysteen Parish Church and the interment took place in Castle-town Cemetery next day. The attendance was very large and representative.

The officiating clergy were:—Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P., Askeaton; Rev. Father O'Dea, C.C., Askeaton; Rev. Father Ryan, C.C., Pallaskeenry, and Rev. Father Neville, C.S.Sp., Rathkeale.

## WANDERING AROUND WITH

# The Launching of Sports Federation

WHAT can one make of this Irish Sports Federation launched in Dublin this week? Candidly, I do not know. But, of course, everything has got to have a start. The general impression appears to be that it will die a premature death—that is if it ever breathes at all.

Possibly the reason for the scepticism is because we have become so accustomed to living in a wrangling and snarling sport world that no one can ever imagine such a varied collection of sports organisations pulling together for any length of time. But we must give the Federation a fair chance. We must not be cynical.

There are some first-class sport administrators behind the scheme, but they'll all need the best will in the world to dodge the pot-holes lurking in the path to success. I have read the official objects of the Federation. There's nothing wrong with them; in fact, they are admirable, but a lot of spade work has got to be put in before they can be carried out.

It is nice to see executive officers of the N.A.C.A. and the A.A.U. sitting on the same Committee which is to draw up rules for the new Federation. A lot of folk may think this is a little unnatural, and on the surface it certainly is, but everything has to have a start, and if our friends on the N.A.C.A. and the A.A.U. are able to agree in helping to frame the constitution of the Federation then they may also come to agree in other directions.

#### SHOULD AIM AT UNITY.

The main aim of the Federation, I take it, is to bring about unity in our sport, and until it achieves this it is no use talking about "the fostering and development of athletic sports for those who engage in them solely for the pleasure and physical, mental or social benefits they derive from them."

Once the Federation is formed it should then be in a position to approach the International Athletic Federation with a view to getting all-Ireland control in athletics. And if this can be achieved, as I am sure it can if the question be approached sanely and diplomatically, then the Federation will have done more than justify its existence.

I may be wrong, but I still think that the International Athletic Federation can be made to see things as we see them if tact and diplomacy are shown. After all, that Federation, made up, I take it, of representatives of many nations, is the boss in the athletic world.

Now, we all know that the boss isn't always right, but to try and prove him wrong by using the big stick when he's got a bigger one is asking for trouble. To flare up at the boss risks getting the sack. We all feel like doing it at times—but we generally delay the pleasure until we have the lever.

Now, I do say that we have been rather remiss in our approach to the International Athletic Federation. In other words, we have not been as diplomatic or tactful as we might have been. I am not saying we should have gone cap in hand to the athletic bosses; but, on the other hand, we have always been approaching them in a militant mood.

#### CASE FOR UNITED IRELAND IN SPORT.

It is, in fact, just possible we may have bewildered and perplexed

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#### THE "INTER-PE"

It's an ill wind t anybody any good. I had a stroke of lu tism of the flu, whi could not get to Co Munster and Leins much preferred the misery I felt I woul

After years of ho since come to the e a man who enjoys then a Munster an bat is no place for h of fact, how I env needn't go to a rug he wants to.

A good judge w Mardyke told me th is a certainty for th there's no news i know he is He thin of Young Munster, his place, and thos two scrummagers f expects to see play this season.

He reckons J. F. United Services ar scrum-half, is entir Irish trial, and that lyn Park centre, is thing in Leinster, v is the best, in his op outside Ulster.

So far the Irish learned very little provincials, but the hope that Saturday's Leinster and Ulster Road may be a litt On view will be th backs in the count ton and Gerry Mu

Hallo!

