

## KILLALOE CATH

## WAS GREAT RUNNER

### Death Of Mr. Maurice Hourigan

**M**R. MAURICE HOURIGAN, a native of Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, was found on the roadside at Ballygrennan, Croom, in a weak condition and was removed to Croom Hospital by Mr. M. Griffin and died there some hours later (writes our Croom correspondent). An inquest was not deemed necessary, as death was from natural causes.

The remains were removed to Ballingarry Church and after Requiem Mass there the interment took place to Kilcoleman Cemetery, Knockaderry.

The late Mr. Hourigan was in his young days a well-known long distance runner. He was rarely beaten on the field or road and ran for the most part in his bare feet. Many of his feats are worth recalling. On one occasion he got up as usual on a Sunday morning, did the usual farm work and milked cows, cycled from Ballingarry to Rathkeale, where he boarded the train for a sports meeting in Tralee, where he won most of the events that day. On another occasion, he competed in a road race from Mitchelstown to Fermoy, and at Kilworth—the half way—he had a drink, and continued in the race afterwards and won. The prize that day was a bicycle, on which he cycled from Fermoy home. On another occasion in a road race from Adare to Limerick, he stopped at Patrickswell for a drink, and while he was having the drink, the bar-tender informed him that two of the competitors had passed. Deceased merely said: "Never mind, I will pass them" and after finishing the drink, he left and overtook the runners near Limerick and won the race. He was a very popular and well-known over a wide area and the very large attendance at the interment evidenced the large measure of popularity which he enjoyed.

### RAILWAY OFFICIAL RETIRES

Mr. John Cornally, Permanent Way Inspector on the Mallow-Limerick Junction section of C.I.E. Railway Station, Charleville, retired on pension on the 31st Decem-



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