

contest the local elections. It was resolved that the Co. Manager be asked to resume the interrupted work upon the Muleair Drainage Scheme.

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN MURROE.

A district conference was held in Murroe for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the forthcoming Co. Council elections. Ald. Reidy said that in view of the proposed amendment to the Co. Management Act it was more important than ever that the Government's schemes should not be sabotaged by "the dog in the manger" attitude of hostile local authorities. It was, therefore, important that men of character and good national background should carry the banner of Fine Gael. It was the unanimous wish of the constituency executive that Mr. Martin Cooke, Annagh, Murroe, be asked to go forward as a candidate, and he (Mr. Reidy) had great pleasure in putting his name before the meeting. (Sustained applause).

Mr. Cooke could command respect and support in all quarters. He had been Battalion Commander of the I.R.A. and had taken part in all the major engagements in the area during the Black and Tan campaign. Besides his military activities he had acted as Justice in the Sinn Fein courts and had also been a very prominent club and Inter-County hurler. Here was a public representative of which any district may well be proud.

Mr. Cooke's reply in acceptance was enthusiastically received.

#### AHANE BRANCH.

The annual general meeting of the Ahane Branch was presided over by the Chairman, Capt. J. P. Graham.

The following resolutions were passed:—

(1)—"That the Limerick County Council bring about a drastic reduction in the rates for the coming year."

(2)—"That the Minister for Local Government speed up the Bill for the abolition of the Managerial system."

Mr. Martin Cooke, Annagh, was nominated as a candidate for the forthcoming County Council election.

Delegates elected to constituency executive were Messrs. P. J. Graham, M. Cooke and P. E. Fitzrick.

The following officers of the Branch were appointed:—

Chairman, Capt. J. P. Graham; Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. Hartigan; Treasurer, Mr. John Scanlan; Secretary, Mr. P. E. Fitzpatrick.

#### NEW LEPER COLONY

A new colony for sufferers of the dreaded disease of leprosy has been opened at Pearl City, on the Island of Oahu, just outside the now historic Pearl Harbour. At the present time there are 250 lepers on the old settlement, Molokai, the island associated with the heroic Father Damien. A tribute to that great priest is the request of the patients to the Hawaiian authorities to be allowed remain at Molokai, the scene of his unselfish life and death.

#### OBITUARY

#### Miss M. O'Shea, Newcastle West

To the regret of a wide circle of relatives and an innumerable host of friends, Miss Mollie O'Shea, of South Quay, Newcastle West, died on Friday, 10th inst., after a brief illness. Miss O'Shea, who inherited all the good qualities of two great Clans—the O'Shea's of North Kerry and the Collinses of West Limerick—was the last surviving daughter of Mr. Maurice O'Shea, who in his day was a large and enterprising merchant in Newcastle West.

It is no exaggeration to say that Miss O'Shea was known to every adult in the town and for miles around it. Always cheery, kindly and helpful, she was beloved by all and her funeral was a spontaneous display of how much she was loved in life and what widespread grief her death brought forth. At the removal of the remains from the Parish Church scores of men pressed forward and, waving the hearse aside, with willing relays insisted on carrying her coffin the mile long road to Churchtown Cemetery.

To give the names of the general public who attended—even if a list could be compiled—would require too much space, and even the following list of the chief mourners, varying in different degrees of kindred, is an incomplete one:—

Morgan and John O'Shea (brothers); Eileen O'Shea (neice); Very Rev. C. O'Sullivan, P.P., Kilmeedy; John O'Sullivan, M.P.S.I., Limerick (brothers-in-law); James Collins, T.D.; Thomas Collins, Denis O'Brien, Rathkeale; D. L. Collins, M. P. Riordan, Limerick; Mary Collins, D. J. Collins, Thos. and Mrs. Hartnett, Miss Harnett, Patrick Harnett, John and Mrs. Horan, M. and Mrs. Murphy, Maurice Breen, John Kelly, Maurice, Peggy and Mossey Dee; Mrs. Treacy, Miss S. Treacy, Mr. and Mrs. S. Scanlon, Mrs. D. Murphy, Pat Ahern, Margt. Murphy, Patricia Cronin, Nora Murphy, James Harnett, J. J. Harnett.

From Newcastle West and district letters and telegrams of sympathy and Mass cards were sent by Maurice Dee and family, the Cronin family, Denis Murphy and family, Mai Cronin and family, the Raleigh family, the O'Halloran family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Phelan, Margaret Harnett, Katherine Leonard, P. and B. Leonard, P. L. Wright and family, the Wright family, M. C. Byrnes, the Dooley family, P. and H. McAuliffe, Frank Lyons, the O'Neill family, Helen and Peggy Magner, the Benson family, the O'Connell family, Mary A. Dowling, the Fitzgerald family, Nora and Tim Ambrose, Mai Scanlon, Michael McCarthy, John Riordan, the Collins family, J. and H. Foran, M. A. Lane, B. Lane, Jim and Mgt. Murphy, John Harnett and family, Minnie Murphy, John and Nancy Horan, Mrs. M. Donoghue, the Kelly family, Tom and Mrs. King, Dr. Honora M. O'Connor, Dr. M. A. O'Connor,

#### TEN LECTURES AT BALLYAGRAN

Ten lectures under the auspices of Muintir na Tire were given in Ballyagran School by Mr. Leonard, Horticultural Instructor (writes our Ballyagran correspondent). The lecturer dealt with every phase of horticulture, fruit trees, vegetables and testing of soils. The lectures were very well attended by the young farmers and labourers of the district. From the first lecture there was a continued increase of attendance until the final one.

At the final lecture Mr. Leonard spoke very feelingly of the death of Mr. P. J. O'Brien, Secretary, Muintir na Tire. He proposed a vote of sympathy to his widow, daughter and brother, which was seconded by Mr. C. Brassil.

Rev. Father Murphy, C.C., proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer for his very able series of lectures. It was seconded by Mr. J. Quinlivan.

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Bridget and William Larkin, Mrs. J. L. Curtin, Margaret Walker and family, Mrs. Dr. O'Brien, Michael and Catherine Murphy, Mrs. Emilie Ryan.

From Limerick City—Maurice and Josephine Riordan, Jack and Nora O'Sullivan, Captain and Mrs. Harrahan, Jim, Margaret and Niall Hannan, Mrs. Charles Johnston, Ml. Liston, Pat and Nora Harnett.

From Rathkeale—The Tracey family, Denis and Eileen O'Brien.

From Dublin—Maurice and Celia Collins, Anna Goodwin, Tom Harnett.

From Galway—Emly and Bill Sandys, Michael Lavan.

From Clare—Mr. and Mrs. Sol Frost and family and Mrs. T. O'Brien, Cratloe; Pat and Irene Lynch, Ennistymon.

From Carlow—Mother Columbanus, L.C.M., St. Bridget's Hospital.

From Nenagh—Paddy and Bernie Donovan.

From Texas, U.S.A.—Sister De La Salle.

The clergy present were:—Right Rev. Mgr. Hannan, P.P., V.G.; Very Rev. C. O'Sullivan, P.P.; Very Rev. J. Ruddle, P.P.; Rev. D. Costelloe, C.C.; Rev. Father Cagney, C.C.; Rev. Father Murphy, C.C.

A sharp touch of poignancy felt by all was the fact that deceased's brother, Very Rev. Mannix O'Shea, P.P., Sandycroft, Dublin, was, owing to illness, prevented from attending; his place was taken at the graveside by her kindly Parish Priest, the Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, who read the last prayers and gave the final Benediction.

And this, with the cold winds of a February afternoon singing a dirge through the trees of the Churchyard, the body of a splendid type of Irish woman was laid to rest with her forebearers, while her gentle spirit winged its way to rejoin them in that Better Land "where the tear of the sufferer is wiped away."

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