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## DASTARDLY PRACTICE

### DESTRUCTION OF YOUNG BIRDS

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—I would like to bring to the notice of the authorities the rebbing of little birds' nests that has been going on for the past few weeks.

Numbers of youths go out the country roads together, and then they proceed to search the hedges in the quiet places where the birds love to nest. I wish to refer in particular to those thoughtless youths who rob and destroy nests between "Father Halpin's Boreen" and "Clancy's Boreen," in the Rathbane and South Hill localities.

Every hedgerow and every individual bush and clump of briars is minutely searched, and woe betide the poor bird and her little nest if they happen to find it.

Usually from two to four of them hunt together, and they beat the bushes as they move slowly along to arouse the little bird sitting on her nest.

I sincerely hope that this catches the eye of some bird lovers in Limerick, and that they will take steps to put an end to this reprehensible practice. The birds that charm us with their song should not be treated thus by thoughtless young vandals.

Yours faithfully,  
"HEDGEROW."

## MAYOR THANKED

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—At a special meeting of the representatives of the Limerick Branch of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, Mr. P. Walsh (Plumber Section) presiding, a vote of thanks and appreciation was passed to his Worship the Mayor (Mr. G. B. Dillon) for his services in helping to end the trade dispute on the housing scheme at Ballynantybeg, and expressing our gratitude for his successful mediation.

Sincerely yours,  
DANIEL SHEAHAN,  
Branch Secretary.

(—) 20th May, 1950.

young people must be attracted to the choral societies if the latter are to continue their great tradition. This can be truly said of Ireland also—only more so.

### MARRIED A FAMOUS SOPRANO

Not content with coming from a musical family, Greene was also attracted to one. In 1942, he married Mary Linde, a soprano, who sang for some years with the Saddler's Wells Company under the name of Dorothy Kingston. They frequently sing duets together.

Greene's Limerick programme will include songs by his favourite oratorio-composers, Bach and Handel, and some early English lyrics.  
R. H.

## DEATH OF MR. N. FINE

The death of Mr. Nathan Fine, a member of the Jewish community, which took place at his residence, Crescent Villas, Limerick, on Friday evening, has occasioned very deep regret.

The deceased, who came to Limerick from Latvia close on half a century ago, had built up an extensive jewellery business. He was noted for his straightforward dealings and for his anxiety to play his full part as a citizen in every progressive movement. Of a kindly and charitable disposition, he was a regular contributor to the funds of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Deep sympathy is tendered to his widow, sons and daughter in their bereavement.

The funeral to Cork yesterday was fully representative of all sections of the community.

### IN MEMORIAM.

**HAYES** (Seventh Anniversary)—In sad and loving memory of Denis Hayes, late Cathedral Place, Limerick, who died on May 21, 1943. On whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy.—Inserted by Theresa and Peg.

### VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

**St. Mary's Dance Hall.**—At a special meeting of the above Committee, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. Kelly on the death of her husband, Tom, an old and esteemed member, who died in England recently, all members standing as mark of respect.—P. O'Mahony, President; J. Kiely, Hon. Sec. (c)

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### FAMOUS LIBRARY

The Vatican Library, the literary treasure by the Popes, is this year the fifth centenary of its foundation. It is of interest to note that B.L., former District Librarian, Limerick, has the honor of being some of his books in the Vatican Library. The offerings brought in the Holy Year of Nicholas V raised the library started with manuscripts, mainly bound in embossed silver clasps and covers, and shelves nearly 800,000 manuscripts, catalogued and arranged in air-conditioned proof galleries within the Vatican Palace. The marble shelves are 10 miles in length.

### GREENPARK.

It is to be hoped that the Racecourse will accede to the request of the correspondent in a permit the public to use the ground on Sundays. It may be possible for the racecourse, especially if the enclosure has been approved by the Directors will, all they can to the public provided no damage to property. It often happens through the care of a few, many are people in this connection it is that the Directors are accused of wanting to protect property if they are obliged to protect property.