

NEWS

AN OIGE NOTES

(BY "HOSTELLER.")

BRING my readers back to Spain to conclude our tour with a youth hosteller. It will be remembered that she had reached the town of Reinosa, and journeying on we are told: "In Reinosa, as in other Spanish towns and cities, we were very conscious of the vastly different food habits and meal times. Breakfast at ten—one dry roll and a huge handleless cup of coffee. As you sipped from it you felt you were performing a ceremony. Dinner was at two to three, and supper at ten in the evening. Not being Spaniards we cheated and stopped for a "poco cafe con leche" at six or seven o'clock. Not before ten could we buy a meal, but by then we doubly appreciated it. For dinner or supper we were served a four course meal. Dishes for all courses were already on the table, piled one on top of the other. As we finished with each course those particular dishes were removed. Our English signs for finished or not finished meant nothing to the Spaniard. After the first meal we made sure we had a firm grasp on our "dinner" until we had finished.

We travelled from Torrelavaga to Santelliano, the nearest village to the Caves of Altamira. We rode with mail, rabbits etc., ducking branches, ducking showers of rain and in between ducking, soaking up the magnificence of the countryside with its green hills and its feeling of peace and contentment.

At Santelliano, we walked about two kilometres to the caves. Here we saw the famous paintings. For some reason I had not expected to see them on the ceiling; human in strange positions, deer, ponies, all in ochre and charcoal, still rich in colour after all these thousands of years. Little did one realise before visiting these caves that one could enjoy standing still and contemplating each one carefully, but the guide whisked us on to see stalactites and stalagmites, anti-climax to the paintings.

Stopping at the village of Santelliano for dinner at the Parador del Gil Blas we stepped into another world—a world of bygone graciousness. We were shown into a beautiful lounge with heavy beams, oak chests, many comfortable chairs and settees, magnificent paintings, beautiful pewter trays and pottery—everything in perfect taste.

Soon we were shown to our table on the terrace. For two hours we sat and nibbled and ate, and thoroughly enjoyed the food and our surroundings. We tried to remember our best manners in such a setting, but we threw caution to the winds when we had served to us our choice of fourteen hors d'oeuvre.

With lagging feet, we left our Parador del Gil Blas to return to Torrelavaga. Here we had more-poco cafe con leche at the edge of another dignified square, softened in the evening light.

On leaving Torrelavaga for Santander, we had left Spain behind. Santander, with its shops and stretches of sands, was delightful, but not our idea of Spain. Following the coast line of the Bay of Biscay, we came to Bilbao, where we had a three hour wait for a San Sebastian train. This stop enabled us to have a quick look around the town, a town so well known in the Spanish Civil War—a crowded, old, interesting city.

On arriving at San Sebastian, we discovered that we were unfortunate in our time, and had missed the bull fight. But as our holiday time was now at an end we journeyed on to the French-Spanish border, to Irun. In these border towns we were often stopped by Spanish girls and children for our pesetas or francs.

Through Spanish Customs, we walked over the Spanish-French bridge. One last look, to wonder when again—a shrug, where next?

By the way... Limerick is well on the way to having two further hostels before many months elapse. Hostel-hunting went on in a big way over the week-end. Glin, Foynes and Tarbert were visited for possible suitable houses, and I'm not giving away a secret when I write that the city group is well on its way to adding a further hostel to An Oige's possessions in the country. The aim here is to provide a break for hostellers between Kerry and Limerick.

ACCIDENT CASES

Complaint At City Council

NOT SUFFICIENT HOSPITAL BEDS

THE treatment of street accident cases in hospital was discussed at the meeting of the City Council on Monday night, the Mayor (Mr. K. Bradshaw) presiding.

The matter was raised by Mr. G. B. Dillon, who complained that a patient named McKenna, who had been seriously injured in a street accident, had been transferred from Barrington's Hospital to the City Home Hospital, where he died. This accident occurred at Baul's Bridge, less than 100 yards from Barrington's Hospital, yet the unfortunate man had to be taken to the City Home Hospital. Had the Manager anything to say on this matter?

MANAGER'S STATEMENT.

Manager: I got a special report on the case. The man was removed in a collapsed condition and I wrote to Barrington's Hospital requiring an explanation. They wrote back stating that the man had been given an anti-tetanus injection, and was then sent to the City Hospital because no bed was available.

Mr. Dillon: I cannot accept that excuse at all.

Manager: These transfers seem to be getting more prevalent, and I suggest that the members who are on the Governing Committee should raise the matter at the next meeting. I think there should be some definite arrangement, because there are serious deficiencies as matters stand.

Mr. Coughlan said Barrington's was a small hospital compared with the City Home.

Manager: Barrington's is providing a service and we are paying £100 a year for it, and all its deficits are paid out of the Hospitals Trust Funds. When the Regional Hospital is in operation, however, it is our hope that accident cases will go and not to Barrington's.

NOT SUFFICIENT BEDS.

Ald. Reilly: St. John's and Barrington's provide a number of free beds. I think that the problem in relation to street accidents is due to a shortage of beds.

Mr. Coughlan: Why should all the cases be taken to Barrington's? Why not some of them to St. John's? We are paying them £100 a year also.

The Manager said that all accident cases would be taken to the Regional Hospital when it was completed and staffed.

Ald. Reilly said that it might help matters if the Corporation ambulance staff, before removing an accident case, would try and discover at which hospital a bed was available.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of Dr. Hayes, S.M.O.H., to work out some definite arrangement with the hospitals for the treatment of accident cases.

scrutiny next week-end in an endeavour to give Limerick a seaside hostel.

One of the most unique features of the hostelling movement is the organising of "grouse nights" periodically at meetings. On Monday night at such a gathering, Committee members present must have compiled a lot of useful data from suggested improvements, and even grouses, by members. The outright and spontaneous discussions between members certainly suggested that all is well with the Limerick Group.

Christmas, the season of joy and festivity, will mean a lot to Limerick hostellers. During the holidays a party is being organised at the Ballydavid Hostel. To participate in a sing-song, sponsored by youth hostellers, is something refreshing at any time, but this Christmas gathering of nearly one hundred members is a treat I would hate to miss.

And still they go. All through the year the Thomond group had someone on their way to Rome, and even for the concluding coronation the city will be represented by some of its hostellers.

Anybody interested in a ski party going to Norway early in the New Year are requested to look up the local Committee for concise particulars.

Membership of An Oige is open to all who are interested in outdoor

Obituaries

MRS. MICHAEL CANTILLON, KNOCKADERRY

The death of Mr. Michael Cantillon took place at his residence, Ballybrown, Knockaderry, on the 6th inst., fortified by all the rites of our Holy Church (writes our Knockaderry correspondent). Deceased, who had reached a fine ripe age, had the consolation of the unremitting care and attention of his wife and members of his family. He was in full possession of all his faculties to the very end and bore his illness with the greatest Christian fortitude and resignation. He was a man of an unassuming nature and cheerful disposition and had a good and kindly word for everybody. As a good neighbour he endeared himself to all who had contacts with him and was strictly honest in all his dealings. A most progressive and industrious farmer and a keen judge of livestock, he made farming in all its aspects a full-time vocation and although taking no part in matters outside his own domestic affairs he had a most intelligent interest in the public affairs of the country.

There was a very large attendance at the removal of the remains to Knockaderry Church on Thursday evening, 7th inst., when the prayers were recited by Rev. Father McCarthy, C.C., who had attended deceased for a very long time on each First Friday and during his illness. The funeral on Friday to the burial ground at Anhid, Croon, was one of the largest seen in the locality for a long time. It was representative of all classes of the community and was a striking manifestation of the respect and esteem in which deceased and members of his large family were held over a very wide area of West Limerick. The officiating clergy were: Rev. Father O'Callaghan, P.P., Knockaderry; Rev. Father McCarthy, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Finn, P.P., Kilmoeby; Rev. Father Kirby, C.C., Croon; Rev. Father Crowley, C.C., do.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. Cantillon (widow), Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Crogg (daughters), Mrs. Speirram, Adare; Mrs. Nolan, Shanagolden (daughters), Messrs. James, Patrick, Michael, wireless operator, Valentia, and John Cantillon, Birr (sons); Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. Mullins (sisters-in-law), Mrs. James Cantillon and Mrs. John Cantillon (daughters-in-law), Messrs. P. Kelly, G. Speirram, D. Crogg and W. Nolan (sons-in-law), Vera, Mairead, Liam Speirram, Sean and Miriam Crogg and Marina Nolan and M. Cantillon (grandchildren).

It would be impossible to give a list of all the friends and members of the general public who attended the obsequies.

MRS. CONDON, KNOCKPATRICK

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Timothy Condon, Knockpatrick, Shanagolden, which occurred on Monday, the 27th ult. Remains were removed to Shanagolden Church on Tuesday evening. The funeral to Knockpatrick burial ground on the following Wednesday was of large dimensions.

The officiating clergy were: Very Rev. Canon Rice, P.P.; Rev. Father O'Byrne, C.C. and Rev. Father Cussen, C.C.

Chief mourners: Timothy (husband), John, Maurice, Patrick (sons), Kit, Bridie, Mary (daughters-in-law), Tim, Maurice, Patrick, Tom, Denis and Ned Woulfe (brothers), Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Langan (sisters), Tom Condon (brother-in-law), Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Histon, Mrs. M. Woulfe and Mrs. T. Woulfe (sisters-in-law), Tommie, Ted, Patrick, John (grandchildren), Kit, Anne, Philomena Langan, Daisy and Maureen Woulfe (nieces), Peter Langan, Mollie, Michael and Patrick Woulfe, Patrick Walsh, Moss and John Woulfe (nephews).

Mass cards from: Her loving husband, John, Kit and family; Maurice, Bridie and Margaret; Patrick, Mary and family; the Woulfe family; Josie Mulvihill and family, John and Mary O'Brien, the Langan family, Bridie Woulfe, Michael, Nora and Tim O'Connor; Tommie, Michael Kelly and family; the Lynch family, Denis and Bridget Kelly, the Walsh family, Christine Leahy, John and Mary O'Connor, Maurice and Molly Moroney, the Fitzgeralds, the Cronin family, the Conroy family.

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL.

LIMERICK REGIONAL HOSPITAL.

RESIDENT ENGINEER

LIMERICK TANNERY FIRE DISASTER

FUND OPENED TO AID WORKERS

THE fire that destroyed O'Callaghan's Tannery, Limerick, has thrown over 170 persons out of employment.

This would be a calamitous blow at any time but it is particularly serious just now in the depth of winter and when prices of all necessaries are abnormally high and continue to soar.

Even people with steady pay are finding it hard enough to make ends meet these times with the present cost of living, so the plight of those whose wages have been suddenly and completely cut off can be readily understood.

At a meeting convened by the Mayor (Councillor Kevin Bradshaw) and held in the City Hall on Monday night, it was unanimously agreed, with the warm approval of his Lordship the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, who was present, that a public fund be opened at once to aid the affected breadwinners.

A small Committee, with power to add to its number and to appoint sub-committees, was formed for this purpose and to take other steps to make the Fund in some degree worthy of the very deserving and necessary object in view.

As the matter was regarded as one of extreme urgency it was decided that an appeal be issued immediately to the citizens in general to come to the rescue of the sufferers in as prompt and generous a manner as possible.

Contributions, which will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged, may be forwarded or handed to any of the undersigned members of the Fund Committee:

- KEVIN BRADSHAW (Mayor), Chairman;
- MORGAN McMAHON, Vice-Chairman;
- JOHN CAREW (Ald.) and
- THOMAS GOUGH, Treasurers;
- VERY REV. W. O'GRADY, Adm., St. John's;
- JAMES O'DONNELL, C.E.O., City Vocational Education Committee;
- ALPH. McDONAGH,
- C. C. CREGAN,
- STEPHEN COUGHLAN, B.C., Honorary Secretary.



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