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DEATH OF MR. JOHN MULCAHY

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. John Mulcahy, Garda Headquarters, Dublin, who passed away with tragic suddenness and in the prime of manhood on Tuesday evening of last week. Deceased, who was aged about 46 years, was son of the late Mr. Timothy Mulcahy and the late Mrs. Margaret Mulcahy, Connoity Terrace, Newcastle West, and nephew of Mr. Dan Mulcahy, London, and Sister Marguarite, London. He was brother of Mr. Dan Mulcahy, journalist, Newcastle West; of Messrs. Jim, Bob and Tim Mulcahy, Chicago; Mr. Peg Stapleton and the Misses Chris, Louise and Essie Mulcahy, Chicago. Member of a well-known and esteemed West Limerick family, the late Mr. Mulcahy was a life-long Gael and Nationalist. Before joining the Garda Force, about 26 years ago, he was attached to the commercial staff of the former Newcastle West "Weekly Observer," and was an officer of the local Fianna Eireann Company, as well as a leading member of the Newcastle West Hurling and Football teams. He was also associated for a number of years with the publication of the "Garda Review." Sincere sympathy will be tendered to the bereaved brothers and sisters at home and in Chicago on the loss of a loving and devoted brother.

Poignant scenes were witnessed at the removal of the remains from the Richmond Hospital, Dublin, on Wednesday evening. The coffin, draped in the Tricolour, was escorted from the hospital to the outskirts of the city by the Garda Band and a bodyguard of Metropolitan Garda and comrades of the deceased, and on parting the Dead March was played as a final tribute to the deceased. On arrival at Newcastle West the cortege was again received by a Garda guard of honour under Supt. M. McKenna and Sergt. J. Daly.

There was a very large and representative attendance at the funeral, which took place from Newcastle West Church to Grange Cemetery on Thursday. All sections of the community were represented and once again members of the Force from the town and surrounding stations joined in a last moving tribute to the deceased.

The officiating clergy were: Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G., Newcastle West; Rev. D. Costelloe, C.C., do.; Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., do.; Rev. D. McCarthy, C.C., Knockaderry.

The chief mourners included: Dan Mulcahy (brother); Mrs. K. Mulcahy (sister-in-law); Kay and Noreen Mulcahy (nieces); Ted Mulcahy (nephew); Con and Bob Mulcahy, Dromin (uncles); Mrs. Julia Foley, Reens; Mrs. Fennell, Killeclemam; Mrs. Lane, Killooghteen; Mrs. Casey, Carrigeen (aunts); James O'Connor, B.D.S., and Mrs. O'Connor, Patrick and Josie Danaher, Athen; Mrs. Peg and Patsy Brown, do.; Jack Danaher, do.; Patrick Wolfe, do.; Ted O'Connor, do.; Mick, Kay and Peg Foley, Reens; Patrick Foley, Croagh; the Mullins family, Killeclemam; Kate Mulcahy, Old Mill; Mrs. and Kathleen Gallagher, Chicago; Bob, Tim and Nellie Mulcahy, Ashgrove; the O'Connor family, Duxtown; Leahy family, Beanespuig; John J. King, Newcastle West; Mulcahy, Rathcahill; Mrs. Nora and Michael O'Connor, Newcastle West; John and Mrs. Mulcahy, Tormena; the Meehan family, Lisniska; Mulcahy family, Templeglantine.

Mass cards were received from the following: Dan, Kit and family; Bob and Joe, Chicago; Peg and Bill Stapleton, Chicago; Jim and Tim, Chicago; Chris, Lou and Ess, Chicago; Con and Mrs. Mulcahy, Dromin; Aunt Julia, Reens; Uncle Dan, London; Sister Marguarite, London; Bebe and Pat Conway; Peg, Michael and Kay Foley; Patrick and Joseph Danaher; Mr. and Mrs. Con Foley, Dublin; Edward and Mrs. Fennell, Killeclemam; Jimmy and Mrs. O'Connor; the Meehan family, Lisniska; J. J. Cullhane and family; Monica Moore, Dublin; Joe and Kit Ambrose, Gort; boy; Mary and Jim Phelan, Wm. and Hannah Roche, Old Mill; Sean Hough; Thomas and Mrs. Roche, Square House, Newcastle West; John P. and Bridie, D. and H. Hynes; John - O'Connor and family, Bishop Street; Garda M. Cregan (his workmate for twenty years); Bridget Dunne; Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Leary, Bishop Street; John and Killy Whelan; Mrs. P. O'Connor and Willie; K. Coughlan; K. O'Neill, Old Mill; Nell Gallagher; T. Upton and family; Paddy and K. McCarthy, Church Street; Newcastle West G.A.A.; Kathleen and Joe Musgrave; David Nash; Jessie and Jia O'Mahony; the Mullins family, Glendheen; Katie Mulcahy, Old Mill; Mr. and Mrs. P. Devanny, Maiden Street; Patrick Wolfe, Albee; John and Mary Purcell; the Misses Timmins, Dublin; the Scanlan family, Bishop Street; the Connors in Section 2c, Garda Headquarters, Dublin; Denis and Mrs. McAniff; Michael and Josie Musgrave, Dublin; Paddy and Eileen Murray; Bill Greany and family; the Fitzgerald family, Maiden Street; Owen O'Neill and family; the Normoyle family; Mary and Pat Musgrave, Dublin; Manie; Mr. and Mrs. J. Foxe, Leixlin, Co. Dublin; Michael Ambrose; Mrs. Lane and family; Killooghteen; Mrs. O'Sullivan, Bridge Street; the Cronin family, Agricultural House, Newcastle West; Joan Meehan.

Telegramms were received from: Joe Glynn, St. Patrick's, Limerick; Michael Colbert, Dublin; Paddy and Ha Fitzgibbon, Limerick; Patrick Conway, Hotel, Glin; Eugene Scanlan; Mick Hough, Dublin; T. Villiers, Milford; Denis Meehan, Dublin; O'Connor family, Duxtown; Kennedy family, Tuam; Newlands Golf Club, Dublin; D. and H. Hynes, Luccan; John Kelly, Abbeyfeale; Denis Ward, Dublin; the Nelligan family, Dublin; Annie and Paddy Mullaney, Ballinrobe; Michael O. Conchubhair, Rathkeale.

Letters were received from the following: Margaret Moloney, Glin; Gerry Ryan, Limerick; D. O'Brien, T.D.; Con Casey and colleagues, the "Kerryman"; Trahan; Annie M. Mullaney, Ballinrobe; D. and H. Hynes, Esker, Luccan; Jenny and Josie Cullhane, Bishop St.; Dominic Cullhane, Ballinrobe; P. Askeaton; Jim Moloney, Preas, Correspondent, Kilmallock; H. Cullhane, Co. and City Infirmary, Waterford; Mrs. Nora and Bill Palmer, Birmingham; Mr. and

UNVEILING OF CROSS Ceremony At Newcastle West

PROOF OF FAITH AND DEVOTION

AT least five thousand people from the Parish of Newcastle West and the outlying parishes marched in procession through the streets of Newcastle West on Friday of last week to see Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G., unveil a cross erected in the Square in commemoration of the Holy Year and in memory of the Proclamation of the Dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The handsome twelve foot cross had been erected through the subscriptions of the people of Monsignor Hannan's parish.

The day's ceremonies opened with Solemn High Mass in the Newcastle West Church at noon. Rev. Father D. Costelloe, C.C., was celebrant. Monsignor Hannan presided and the celebrant was assisted by Rev. Father M. Kelly, C.C.

The Mass was attended by nearly the entire population of Newcastle West, with numbers of worshippers from Dromcollogher and other neighbouring parishes.

THE PROCESSION.

At 1.30, immediately after the Mass, the procession formed outside the Church. It was led by the Newcastle West Brass Band, followed by a number of the town's altar boys, and hundreds of children from the parish schools, who were conducted by their respective teachers. Members of the men's Confraternity of the Holy Family and of the women's Confraternity, followed by the members of the various other religious bodies from the parish formed the rear of the procession.

Papal and national banners hung over the procession's route to the Square which was, itself, for an hour before the ceremony, crowded with hundreds of people awaiting the arrival of the procession. All business houses in the town were closed during the morning and afternoon. Most of them were tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The huge procession, as it marched towards the Square, resolved itself into a massed choir singing sacred hymns, accompanied by the band.

When the procession eventually reached the Square, Monsignor Hannan recited a decade of the Rosary. The huge crowd answered him. Then, assisted by Father Costelloe, Father Kelly, Very Rev. H. O'Connor, P.P., Dromcollogher,

and Rev. Father Harris, C.S.S.R., Monsignor Hannan unveiled and blessed the cross.

ADDRESS BY MONSIGNOR HANNAN.

Addressing the congregation briefly, Monsignor Hannan said: "I rejoice with you to-day, my dear parishioners, because you have given an ideal proof of your devotion to the Blessed Virgin and of your general Catholic Faith. The Holy Mother of God is the patron of your church and your parish, and to-day you have given a wonderful example of your loyalty to her. You have erected here a cross in honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. The Dogma of that mystery was recently proclaimed with wonderful acclamation by His Holiness the Pope. This cross has now been blessed and will stand here as a record of your faith and of your devotion to the Blessed Virgin. It will be an example and an inspiration to your children."

The Monsignor concluded by explaining that the cross was erected entirely at the initiative of the parishioners, who should be proud of their efforts. "I am very grate-



Rev. Father Harris, C.S.S.R., speaking at the blessing of the Holy Year Cross erected at The Square, Newcastle West. (L.L. Photo.)

ful to you," he said, "for this initiative, which is a true and great proof of your faith. I am particularly grateful to those who organised this and who made to-day's function possible. I should like specially to pay a particular tribute to Mr. Jack Ambrose."

Rev. Father Harris, one of the two Redeemtorists giving a Retreat in Newcastle West at the time, then briefly addressed the crowd.

IDEAL DEMONSTRATION OF FAITH

"This cross," he said, "will immortalise the faith of the people of Newcastle West. It is fitting that you should have chosen this day—the greatest of Our Lady's festivals—for this ideal demonstration of faith and Catholicity."

The ceremony concluded with the huge crowd devoutly singing "Faith of Our Fathers," accompanied by the band.

The proposal to erect the Cross was first made by Mr. J. J. Cullhane, Hon. Secretary of the Newcastle West Town Traders' Association at a meeting of that body. Mr. J. F. Ambrose, Chief Assistant County Engineer, designed the cross, which was executed by the Quinn Brothers, Limerick. It stands on a pedestal on the north side of the Square.

REPUDIATION SHANAGOLDEN COURT STATEMENTS

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Dear Sir—We, the undersigned—being seven of the eight resident publicans in Shanagolden—wish to dissociate ourselves from the statements made by Mr. R. J. Cussen, solicitor, in his defence of Mrs. Bridget Paxotti at Shanagolden Court, on 6th December, as reported in your last week-end issue. We have not been "annoyed on dance nights by importunate seekers of intoxicating liquor." We know nothing about our doors "being besieged by dozens of people going home from the hall," and, consequently, were not "kept awake by the knocking." The statements made by Mr. Cussen on behalf of his client do not apply to us and we hereby repudiate them.

Signed:
THOMAS CRIBBIN,
MICHAEL LANE,
CORNELIUS O'KELLY,
MAURICE DANAHAR,
MARGARET O'CONNOR,
JOSEPH MADIGAN,
MARGARET O'SULLIVAN,
6th December, 1950.

SOUTH BOARD -G.A.A. RECENT DECISION

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") A Chara—As this is a most opportune time—a few weeks before the South Limerick G.A.A. Convention—I would be pleased if you allowed me a little space in your influential paper to make a few comments on the G.A.A. unrest here in South Limerick.

Many letters have appeared recently in the papers which, when carefully perused, can prove most disconcerting to thousands of G.A.A. "fans." These letters have openly accused the South Board of a decision that was contrary to rules and principles of the Association. The simple, yet logical question is—are these letters justified? To my mind, the Board's attitude to date proves that they are. However, to give them the benefit of the doubt—if there is a doubt—I challenge them (South Board officials and members of the Appeals Committee) to supply the answer. If the answer is in the negative, why not say so and prove it, which should be a simple matter. On the other hand, if the answer is in the affirmative, why, in the name of Gaeldom and all that it stands for, don't these officials and members of the Appeals Committee admit their mistake and resign?

One letter from Kilmallock stated that our referees here in South Limerick were let down in favour of men outside the division for words to that effect. Without wishing to go against the general substance of this letter, I certainly would not agree with this particular statement. Did not the south final prove that it demanded a referee of Willie O'Donoghue's experience to handle? Those who attended the semi-final, Stokers v. Brures, and saw the referee being abused at full time, will not question how did the Board anticipate a rough final. Undoubtedly, the referee's report of the semi-final contained a detailed account of this unbecoming scene, and the Board were wise in taking a step in this direction, and I offer them my congratulations, irrespective of the chaotic conditions that have been created. Incidentally, both referees' reports have yet to be read at a South Board meeting.

In conclusion, I wish to appeal to all club delegates to act strictly in accordance with their conscience at the forthcoming South Limerick G.A.A. Convention. If they do so I see no reason why 1951 should not prove successful from the moral and legal point of view.—Is mise, le mesa.

"DEMOCRAT."

TURKEY MAKES NEARLY 27.
Included in a flock of turkeys sold in Birr was one weighing 24 lb. The price paid for it was 4/3 per lb., so that it realized 10 18s.

OUR NATIONAL PAST

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IN connection with the recent Rathkeale victory against Cloughan in the County Junior Hurling Championship final, replay, I have received from a Western enthusiast the following verses in praise of the winning combination.

They can be sung to the air of "Auld Lang Syne"—

The Rathkeale hurlers have brought home,
The laurels to the Deel,
The bonfires blaze along the ways,
Our joy we can't conceal.

Line out, brave Larkin, Roche and Rice,
Those gallant evergreens,
Jim Keating, Mauns and Guillemane,
Mick Foley from the Reens.

Young Sean O'Connor and Bill Fitz
We proudly do acclaim;
Young Kirby manned the Beanna Beogha!
And played a dashing game.

Strike up the band for Sheehan grand,
And Grady who did shine;
Sean Foley, Williams and—
The one and only Paddy Ryan.

A darling boy is Gerry Fitz,
'Twas he who beat Cloughan,
His solo runs reminded me
Of Mackey from Abane.

May God be good to our brave boys,
Dromard-Rathkeale abun;
The Cause of Gaeldom never dies,
While we have men like you!

Bits In Brief.
The County Board meeting on Saturday last fixed the annual County Convention for St. John's Pavilion (if available) on Sunday, 28th January, 1951. Nominations and motions for same close on 6th January.

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