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the early part of September, 1949, a man called Ryan came to see me in connection with the purchase of the horse; and about a week later the horse was examined by a veterinary surgeon named Martin Joseph Byrne. Another visit from Ryan followed, and this time there was another gentleman with him. He could not swear he saw the other man in Court. Witness said he sold the horse, he thought, for £1,250. The cheque paid for it was drawn in the name of Connolly. Witness took an interest in the performance of Newtown Rock after it was sold.

In June this year witness went to the stables of Mr. Roberts at Prestbury, near Cheltenham, where the horse was pointed out to him. "It was Newtown Rock," continued witness, "I knew him first by countenance, by general appearance of his head. Later I recognised the general shape. He had a particular mark on one of his arms. When he was at home we used to call him 'Rocky,' and he used to wag his head.

**"WAGGED HIS HEAD."**  
"When I went into the stable," went on witness, "and called him 'Rocky,' he just wagged his head

the time the entries closed. He also entered the horse for three races, in which it was a condition that the horse should be a maiden at the time of starting. He also entered the horse for the Hallow Novices Hurdle Race, at Worcester, on March 5th, 1949. "In March, 1949," continued witness, "Connolly rang me up and said Duggan had sold the horse to a Mrs. Manship. I continued to train the horse for her until it was destroyed this year."

Witness, continuing, said that on every occasion horses ran between December, 1948, and March, 1949, Mr. J. Duggan was shown as owner. Connolly gave a cheque for £175 to square up an account which had been sent to Duggan, but had been ignored by the latter.

Roberts also gave an account of races in which the horse ran and its placings as follows:—December, 1948—Worcester—Also ran. January 16th, 1949—Leicester—Also ran. January 18th, 1949—Birmingham—Third. February 1st, Nottingham—Second. February 21st—Birmingham—Second. March 5th—Worcester—Won. Races were maiden and novices hurdles. (Proceeding).

## MYSTERY CURE

### Cortisone And Its Effects

#### PRICE COMING DOWN

**CORTISONE**, the hormone extract that brings wonderful relief to sufferers from rheumatoid arthritis, rheumatic fever and other kindred complaints, has been made available in a very limited way to the Medical Research Council in Dublin, writes a "Limerick Leader" reporter. The supply of Cortisone, which incidentally has been secured under an import licence, has as a result of experiments in the Capital, proved itself the mysterious cure that its discoverer, Dr. Philip S. Hench, of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, U. S. A., claimed it to be during his research work.

When asked if a small quantity of the drug had been made available to any Limerick hospital, a person who is closely following its progress said it hadn't, but he remarked that in time it would probably become as easy to obtain as Sir Alexander Fleming's discovery, Penicillin, which had been as difficult to secure when it became known at first.

It was only last July that supplies of Cortisone were distributed for the first time to nearly 6,500 hospitals in the United States. It is now understood that small amounts of Cortisone, as well as ACTH, the pituitary hormone which acts with much the same power, have for some months back been sent from U.S.A. to England. Medical scientists in the latter country have been applying the supplies to research work just as the Medical Research Council in Dublin has been doing. This was also the case with Penicillin.

Cortisone at present is being commercially produced in the United States and made available to hospitals there at a price in the region of 95 dollars a gram. It originally cost 200 dollars a gram, which is somewhat staggering when one realises that 1,000 grams equals only one kilogram, which in avoirdupois would be 2 lbs. 3½ ozs. However, with the trend of more and more production, the cost is steadily coming down. Present indications are that the cost is on the downward spiral, and perhaps, some means will be found eventually to commercially produce the drug so that every doctor will be able to use it as cheaply as

## NEW EDITION

### Souvenir Catalogue

#### THE LIMERICK HOLY YEAR EXHIBITION

**THE** Catalogue Sub-Committee of the Limerick Holy Year Exhibition has not yet ended its labours. The popular edition of the Souvenir Catalogue is now, for all practical purposes, sold out, and the Catalogue Sub-Committee has wisely decided on the issue of a new edition. The aims of the sub-committee, an interesting brochure at a price within the reach of everyone, have been amply realised by the phenomenal sales of the first edition. While the first edition remains an authoritative work on the local history of the North Munster district, it has been felt that a more elaborate edition, revised and enlarged, was demanded for the prestige of the city and diocese. Besides, it would have been impossible, without heavy financial loss, to issue at the low cost of threepence a souvenir catalogue of the size and format now in the press. The new catalogue has been thoroughly revised, with important bibliographical notes attached to almost every item of the first edition. The format is considerably improved over that of the popular edition. The paper and cover are of a more enduring quality.

**IMPORTANT NEW MATERIAL.**  
It need scarcely be stressed that the interest of this second edition is considerably enhanced by the addition of important new historical material. Some of the highlights of the second edition will be found in the new annotations to the articles dealing with Archdeacon Monstrance in St. Mary's Parish Church, Father Nicholas Sheehy's portable altar, the Portrait of Mother Therese Emmanuel, and the Doyle family prayer books. The charming feature in these latter items is in the fact that the history of bygone days becomes linked with so many Limerick

Penicillin.  
The power of Cortisone was first shown in the U.S.A. when fourteen victims of rheumatoid arthritis were injected with the drug. The treatment resulted in some casting aside their sticks and crutches, while others walked from their wheel-chairs and the remainder were able to get out of their beds to which they had been confined for months and years.

Dixie Minstrels combination, "The Alabama Minstrels," under the leadership of Mr. Paddy Jackson and Mr. Bud Clancy's Dance Band. Needless to say the patients who availed of the opportunity of listening to these renowned entertainers appreciated the efforts of the various individuals.  
A visit to the City Jail and the Limerick Mental Hospital is being arranged for "The Alabama Minstrels," who will assuredly bring similar joy to their awaited audiences in these institutions.

**DEATH.**  
**FITZGIBBON** (Limerick)—Dec 17, 1950, at Stella Maris Nursing Home, Barrington Street, Ellen (Nell), eldest daughter of the late Maurice S. Fitzgibbon; deeply regretted. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Tuesday) at 10 o'clock. Funeral at 11 o'clock to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

**MASS NOTICE.**  
Limerick Clothing Factory Staff have decided to have a Novena of Masses offered in the Franciscan Church for the repose of the soul of John J. Cullen, accidentally drowned at Ballinacurra Creek recently.

**IN MEMORIAM.**  
**BUCKLEY** (Fourth Anniversary)—In loving memory of Patricia (Patsy) Buckley, late of 29 Downey Street, Killalee, who died on the 18th December, 1946. On whose soul Sweet Jesus, have mercy. Masses offered.—Inserted by her loving parents, brothers and sisters.

**WILLIAMS**—Treasured memories of my dearest mother (late Bengal Terrace). She travelled the road of life and pain, She will not pass this way again— But to me, who loved and held her dear, Her presence and memory is ever near.—Lovingly remembered by her son, Maurice.

**VOTE OF SYMPATHY.**  
**C.I.E. Association Football Club**—At a special meeting of the above Club, the Committee and members passed a vote of sympathy to Joseph Casey on the death of his father; also to Richard Casey on the death of his brother, Mr. Michael Casey, who was an esteemed member of our Club.—Michael Monahan, Hon. Sec.

families still happily with us. For all practical purposes the new and revised edition is a work for connoisseurs in history. Yet the layman will never find himself out of his depth among the new items of information now presented. The edition is very limited. At most only two hundred copies will be for sale in Limerick. Even this number has not been definitely fixed as we go to press. The Catalogue Sub-Committee are perfectly aware that this new edition could not realise even a tiny fraction of the sales realised from the popular edition. Accordingly, the price is now raised to one shilling.

**WELL WORTH THE MONEY.**  
History lovers, however, will regard it well worth the money. The new catalogue is worthy of a place on the book-shelf that houses Ferrar, Fitzgerald-McGregor, Lenihan, Dowd and Begley. Applications from learned bodies for the revised catalogue have been most heartening to date. The only danger apprehended by the Catalogue Sub-Committee is that the demand of Limerick citizens for the new edition may not be met by the fewness of copies available. Prospective purchasers are warned to place their orders as soon as possible. The office of the "Limerick Leader" will for the present deal with such applications.

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.**  
Christmas shopping, so far, has not been very brisk, and traders, generally speaking, are not feeling too happy. The fact is that the public, because of soaring prices, have not the heart, even if they had the money, to buy with that abandon usually associated with the Yuletide. Now that we have entered the last shopping week before Christmas the business people are looking forward to a big stir in trade. It is to be hoped that they will not be disappointed! But reports from all parts of the country speak of a slump in "takings" as compared with previous years. The only people having surplus cash to spend are the farmers, who, it is said, have already completed their Christmas shopping.

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**ARTHUR'S QUAY.**  
The reclamation of the foreshore of Arthur's Quay, first mooted over a decade ago by the Chamber of Commerce, is once again to be considered by the Corporation. This scheme, should it prove feasible and practical from a financial point of view, would result in restoring about two acres of land, which would make an ideal parking site for buses and motor cars. That this part of the city, including Patrick Street and Rutland Street, needs some revitalising force there can be no two opinions; and many believe that the reclamation of the foreshore at Arthur's Quay would supply the answer.

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**QUESTION OF COST.**  
The big obstacle to the reclamation of the foreshore resolves itself into L. s. d. Given the necessary capital, the engineers and workmen will do the job. But where is the money to come from? Not surely from the pockets of the ratepayers. Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce has a plan for the financing of the project. If it has, so much the better. There is little use in talking about the carrying out of a project without first of all coming down to fundamentals. And though money is said to be the "root of all evil," it cannot just simply be ignored in this instance, at any rate.

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**WORK WELL DONE.**  
The year 1950, memorable in many ways, will stand out, above others, in the minds of our blind fellow citizens, for it brought hope and joy to their hearts. It was during this year that the employees of Shannon Mills gave effect to their voluntary scheme to supply twenty-five wireless sets to persons afflicted with blindness. For their charitable endeavours in this respect the mill hands have received the gratitude, not only of the Society for the Welfare of the Blind, but of the citizens as a whole. What has been done by this group of workers demonstrates what is possible by voluntary effort. The Shannon Mills Wireless Fund is now closed.