

re-commencing coffee and cakes n, six miles long, tonously straight, scenery, no noth-water either side in front. Against battled valiantly, comparative shel- to R6mo hostel, gave us a recep- wonderful supper ting of sago and with lemon, all st course. This us, but short of pudding through we had to wade to be soup. Vege- a stew, Danish During the first invited to the flat gineer at the new and with him and oyed coffee and this was our first Danish hospital- joyed throughout ish people have a sh, and whether our language or were they willing make us feel at was too much n, and we did efforts, which so much more

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rning we cycled ut well-surfaced and across the where a young very kindly for us via a which were re excavations of rubble. A Assens hosiel and the ferry hour had made restaurants, so in finding an ere served with delicious steaks, hings of onions

We e, he added, "wasted a lot of time on non-productive things." Asked what he considered were the next likely moves to be made by Russia, Mr. Acheson said: "I always think about them, but I never speculate."

Obituary

MR. JOHN RYAN, MAIN ST., KILLALOE.

Seldom has a death caused such widespread regret as did that of Mr. John Ryan, who passed away at Barrington's Hospital on the 28th November at the early age of 30 years.

The second son of Mrs. E. Ryan, Main St., Killaloe, and the late Mr. Matt Ryan, John was beloved by all because of his happy disposition. The moving spirit in all the social gatherings of the area and in every organisation for the benefit of the town, he was heart and soul in the hurling movement, acting as secretary and organiser of the Killaloe Hurling Club for a number of years. Secretary also of the Killaloe Branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, he was a member of the Gaelic League and a treasured member of the Church Choir.

The exceedingly large cortege which accompanied the remains from Limerick to St. Flannan's Church, Killaloe, on the evening of the 29th gave ample testimony to the esteem in which deceased and his family were held.

On the 30th Solemn Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of his soul. The officiating clergy were:—Very Rev. Canon O'Molloy, P.P., V.F.; Rev. M. G. Casey, C.C., and Rev. J. O'Dwyer, C.C.

Later the funeral took place to the family burial ground at St. Flannan's Cemetery, when a very large following paid their last respects to one that was loved and mourned by all.

At the graveside the last prayers were recited by Very Rev. Canon O'Molloy and Rev. C. Ryan, P.P.

The immediate chief mourners were:—Mrs. E. Ryan (mother), Matt, Michael, Paddy and Martin (brothers), Molly and Hannah (sisters), Mrs. Michael Ryan (sister-in-law).

BADMINTON AT ADARE

The Adare No. 1 team defeated Ardnacrusha No. 1 team in the league game played at Adare, by 6 games to 2 games. Results:—

community are a step in the right direction.

CENTRALISING OF POWER.

But in order to carry out the scheme a powerful bureaucracy must be called into being, and such centralising of power is not lightly to be accepted in a real democracy. The modern idea of our statecraft seems to be that the central government must always do for its people what it thinks the people cannot do for themselves, and this (as any psychologist will tell you) is wrong psychologically—quite apart from any question of Christian Principles. This hybrid totalitarian welfare scheme is in conflict with one of the Directive Principles of Social Policy, i.e., "The State shall, in particular, direct its policy towards securing that the citizens may, through their occupations, find the means of making reasonable provision for their domestic needs (Article 45.2 Bunreacht na hEireann) — and with the Principle of Subsidiary Function."

Social Security, according to the Pope, should be "in and with Society, not by means of Society." When a man is able and willing to provide for his own family he should not normally be forced into a benefit scheme against his will.

THE RIGHT COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

In other countries, it is interesting to note how much social protection is made available without appeal to party politics or control by central government. Of course, if employers and employees cannot or will not act collectively in their own interests the State may step in. This is a last resort, however. The craving of sensible people everywhere is for community of the family, of the parish, of the vocational group, of the spirit of man for God. Over centralised government with its handmaiden, bureaucracy is the antithesis of the community ideal. The Holy Year, which is just concluding, has stimulated ideas of the brotherhood of man and of a communion of spirit with our Holy Father in his prayers to God for world peace based on justice and charity to all men.

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