





CAPPOQUIN NEWS

GRAND DANCE FOR THE L.S.F.

The public will be glad to hear that a grand all-night dance in aid of the Cappoquin Group of the Local Security Force will be held in the Boathouse Hall Cappoquin on next Sunday night week May 28th.

It had been originally intended to hold Scratch Races and a dance under the auspices of the Rowing Club on the above date and in view of this the L.S.F. dance was first fixed for Sunday night June 11th.

Now that the big hurling match between Waterford and Tipperary is to be held on Sunday 28th inst the Scratch Races have been postponed until Sunday, June 4th so this leaves the 28th free for the L.S.F. dance which explains the change from the original date fixed on.

It is very rarely the L.S.F. makes any public appeal for support in this area although as a patriotic and voluntary Force it should be fully entitled to the most generous support of all classes of the public.

The coming dance on Sunday night week will therefore, afford the public a splendid opportunity of showing their appreciation of this splendid Force and we hope there will be very few laggards found amongst us on the occasion.

The splendid Brideside Screened Dance Band Tallow has been specially engaged for the occasion and with all the arrangements in the capable hands of Mr Patrick Morrissey Group Leader, Mr Sean Bell Assistant Group Leader and Mr T Stapleton Adj. this should be a great night for all.

REQUIEM HIGH MASS FOR THE DEAD

On last Friday Solemn Requiem High Mass was offered up in St Mary's Catholic Church here for the repose of the soul of the late Miss Minnie Murphy draper Lower Main St whose death we reported about a month ago. Although Requiem High Mass was offered up for her on the occasion of her interment in the Co Cork at the time her sister Miss Nora Murphy Cappoquin showed great thoughtfulness and a grand christian spirit in having a further High Mass on last Friday the celebrant of which was the Rev T Dunphy C.C. Cappoquin the other Priests assisting being Very Rev M Canon Walsn, P.P. V.F. Lismore Rev T Fitzgerald P.P. Cappoquin and the Rev Father Ahearne C.C. Lismore.

A NEGLECTED STREET

We hate 'grouching' but when we are asked to call attention to a matter of public importance we deem it our duty to do so. We are sorry to hear that Upper Castle Street (or Pound Lane) was badly neglected during the recent 'cleaning-up process' which usually takes place in the town once a month the day after the Monthly Fair to be correct.

We are informed that while the County Council workmen cleaned the lower portion of this street leading on to the Main St they did not touch the upper end of the street where foul heaps of offensive matter had been deposited by cattle at the fair the previous day. We hope that by calling attention to this matter some improvement may be effected soon.

THE GENERAL ELECTION

There has been no outward sign of any unusual political activity in this area so far to remind us that we will have a General Election on next Tuesday week 30th inst.

No doubt the present period of quietness will soon be followed by the noise and activities so inseparably associated with a General Election but whatever the activities may be we hope the campaign will be conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner as befits decent and self-respecting Irishmen and that the disgraceful scenes of former years will never again be repeated in Eire.

THE ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION

The annual May Procession in honour of the Virgin Mary was held on last Sunday afternoon through the picturesque grounds of the Convent of Mercy at Shanbally Cappoquin.

KILKENNY SPORTS NEXT SUNDAY

Cappoquin Cycling and Athletic Club will be well represented at Kilkenny Sports on next Sunday where a number of Cycling, Championship events are included in the programme.

Catholic Scout Notes

4th WATERFORD TROOP CBSI (St Joseph's Abbeyside)

Parade The Parade on Sunday last was very well attended although a number of stragglers came along after the 'Fall in'. The K.E.s put up a poor show and we can't be certain whether they are dead or alive.

Hikes—The four Patrols went out hiking on Sunday only three Scouts in all being absent. The Panthers who had a full attendance went to Deelish and were visited by the A.S.M. and 'another'. The Beavers Wolfhounds and Tigers cycled to Colligan the 'cook' being in charge. A number of slight accidents happened on both hikes—so Mick Straine, Tiny and others say anyhow.

The Sky & The Limit—Figure out the following if you can Scintillate Scintillate, apparently lilliputian orb. Interrogatively I question your constituent elements.

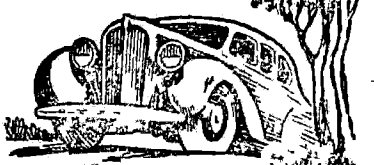
In your prodigious altitude above the terrestrial sphere. Similar to a carbonaceous isometric octahedral specimen. In the celestial firmament.

In other words 'Twinkle Twinkle little star etc.

Troop Meeting—Tent-pitching was on the programme for the meeting but owing to weather conditions it was postponed. The attendance was very bad the Tigers being the only patrol with any kind of an attendance. During the meeting Scout Noel Enright of the Tiger Patrol was presented with a Second Class Badge by the Troop Chaplain. At the end of the meeting we had a song practice as it is planned to have a good group of songs for camp fires in Tramore.

K.E.s—They have been rather inactive but we hear that they are going ahead with their plans for a week-end Camp at Whit Clonmel is the destination and the Waterford v Tipperary match the attraction. One chap says they could pitch the tent on the field and sell lemonade ('any more of the lemonade boys') and another said they would finish up by pitching the lemonade in the field and selling the tent!

General—We may leave for Camp on Saturday night 22nd July instead of the 24th if the A.S.M. suggestion works out. Three hikes are planned for next Sunday. Are some Scouts beginning to look on hikes as a way for picking up a soft 50 points in the Cup competition? We hear Mick and Budge were speaking in verbosious language at the last Troop Meeting. As Scout G. Phelan was on a hike last Sunday and his deputy organ blower failed to appear the S.M. blower & 10y of 8th 1000 Nobody was unkind enough to say 'from Bellowing to Blowing'. Gerry says he'll do the same for him sometime. For Scouts who like to sing 'My Bonnie' here are a few lines which might come in handy. 'My bonnie leaned over a gas



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Transport Bill 1944

Second Stage (Resumed)

MR HESKINS SPEECH

Mr Heskins I would suggest that this Bill should be left over until after the war. Even when the war is over I submit that though it may involve a subsidy on the part of the State the employees of the Railway Company should be guaranteed against losses resulting from the stoppage of transport due to the scarcity of fuel or to other causes. We all know that quite a large number of people are employed in railway services and I think it would be very unfair that these men should be unemployed as a result of conditions arising out of the present emergency. Therefore I suggest that the consideration of this Bill or any similar Bill should be postponed until after the war, so that employment would be assured for these people.

My main reason for making this suggestion is that after the war as has happened after other wars in the past many new ideas may be introduced. Always during a war many new ideas or new inventions are developed or old inventions are improved. We have seen that in the case of the 1st war and it is more than probable that after this war we may have very much more up to date methods of transport than we have at the present time. If it were only for that reason alone I should be anxious to wait for a period after the war when, perhaps we would be in a better position to expend the money that is proposed here to more advantage than we can spend it today. When we bear in mind that according to the Minister's own statement a lot of the rolling stock of the company is obsolete I think it is obvious that we should not pay this money without a further examination of this question particularly in view of the fact that when we go back to a few years ago it will be found that the railway company bought up the stocks of various small companies in the country. I know from my own experience that a large amount of the interest of stockholders in the small concerns was bought up in that way and I suggest that we are now merely proposing to gamble with the taxpayers money in a similar way.

As I have already suggested the railway company got, to a great extent a monopoly of the whole transport service of the country and yet the Minister now says that that company is still complaining. Well if that is so all I can say is that it is their own fault. From observations of the working of a line in my own county which was second to none in my own opinion and in the opinion of others I would say that the company have not been working the service economically. For instance even during the beet campaign a lorry would have to be sent something like 35 miles if there was a question of a break-down and if repairs had to be undertaken although we had plenty of motor mechanics and repair men in gauges in the vicinity who could do the necessary repair work. Now it appears to me if this Bill is passed as it stands at present those men will be done out of their jobs and if that should prove to be so then I say it will be very unfair to workers. It is quite unlikely that the new company will have its own repairing department with a convenient radius but even so the men of whom I am speaking will get no work and I suggest that as a result of bad management the railway company has not been able to pay their workers.

Then again taking this huge amount of £20,000,000 which it seems will be necessary to put the company on its feet, I would not object so much to giving that money after the emergency if we could be satisfied that a substantial and efficient transport service would be given to the people of this country. In such circumstances I think it would be a good bargain but as things are at the moment I am afraid that it will turn out to be a damn bad bargain because in the opinion of the railway employees themselves and of others the rolling stock of the company is obsolete and useless. There is also this question of providing money for the com-

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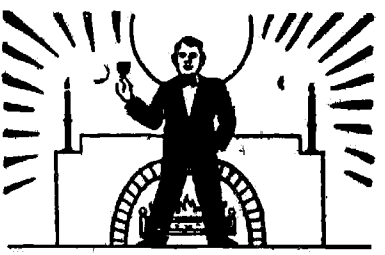
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pany in order that guarantees may be given to owners of stock in the company. We are asked to guarantee a dividend to the subscribers of the company but we are not told whether, if the company should prove to earn money in the future, that money will be refunded to the public purse. That is not right. If there should prove to be a loss on the working of the company, the taxpayers evidently, are expected to bear that loss, but if there should be a gain there does not seem to be any provision whereby the taxpayers will be recompensed.

There is another matter about which I as well as other members of the house are deeply concerned and that is in connection with cases where branch lines are closed down and the traffic diverted to the roads. As I have already said, when the war is over conditions may be entirely different, and it might be possible that it would be better in the circumstances which may then exist that the bulk of these lines should be closed and that the traffic should be diverted to the roads but there is no provision in the Bill so far as I can see to guarantee the local authorities or the ordinary ratepayer against the loss which may be involved as a result of the increased burden on local taxation due to the heavy road traffic that may ensue.

We all know what happens at the present time in connection with rural areas. Anybody who is a member of a County Council is quite well aware that the ratepayers are already overburdened with taxation and we must all know that, in the present condition of our roads, these roads are not able to carry heavy traffic. How therefore is it that there seems to be no provision in this Bill to compensate the local authorities or the ratepayers for any loss or abuse that may be due to an increase of heavy traffic on the roads which in my opinion is likely to occur in the next few years? The local authorities are bound to maintain these roads and therefore there should be some provision to compensate them for any increased burden. That is what I am interested in and I should like the Minister to bear in mind that before this Bill goes through—and I hope it will not go through until the emergency is over—the interest

of the local authorities and the ordinary taxpayers should be considered in this matter of the possible increased burden on road traffic. In conclusion, I should like to say that if this Bill becomes law the matter of maintenance of main roads, carrying heavy traffic, should be the concern of the nation and not of the local authorities which, as I have said, are already over-burdened by heavy taxation.



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### EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman Dr M A Casey presided at the Eighth Ordinary General Meeting of The Dickens Leather Co Ltd held on Thursday last May 11th at Egan's Hotel Dungarvan. The other Directors present were—An Fear Mor Mr C R Strutt ALC Mr P A Casey The Secretary Mr S Kelleher BComm, read the notice convening the Meeting and also the Minutes of the last General Meeting. These were accepted as correct and signed by the Chairman. The Report and Statement of Accounts were taken as read.

The Chairman then made the following statement:

Reverend Father Ladies and Gentlemen.—It gives me pleasure to welcome you to this the Eighth General Annual Meeting of the Company. I must begin by referring to the very grievous loss which your Company has suffered through the sudden and unexpected death of Mr P J Moloney your late Chairman, early last month. Mr Moloney who had been with us since the inception of your Company worked zealously and gave of his best at all times towards its progress. His work was not easy in fact at times it was most difficult. Being a man of strong character, well balanced judgement and the highest principles as well as having that great gift of sympathy in a marked degree, he will be greatly missed by us and in all circles where he was known and it will inevitably be a long time before the gap he leaves is competently filled.

Owing to his untimely death my colleagues did me the honour of electing me Chairman of the Board. At all times I assure you that I will give of my best towards the progress and expansion of your industry and I sincerely hope that I will be spared to fulfill that trust in your best interests and see your Company grow and expand with the assistance of my colleagues and the co-operation of all the officials and employees.

Mr. Pierce Casey, was co-opted to fill the vacancy thus created and as you will have noticed his name is being submitted to you today for confirmation.

Referring to the business perhaps it would be as well if I reminded you that your Tannery is manufacturing the essential raw materials for very many industries through the country. As a result thousands of workers are today depending on our products for their employment and the Nation as a whole for the products made from those leathers for its comfort and well-being. After 4½ years of a world war I am pleased to say that the quantity of leathers produced last year shows no decrease. This was made possible by conserving the use of all ingredients and making the strictest economies in the consumption of tanning materials which are imported on a quota basis. Through the foresight of your Directors native hides have become the exclusive raw material for our finished products of out-side leathers and these latter are of a much better quality than the leathers we manufactured pre-war from foreign East India tanned hides. In 1938 you were informed that we had started tanning Irish sheepskins for boot and shoe linings. Since then we have advanced far along that road so much so that from Irish sheep pelts we are now supplying gloving clothing bookbinding upholstery and fancy leathers of all types and colours. Thus you can readily understand that practically 100% of the leathers produced by your Tannery last year were made from Irish hides and skins due to the complete stoppage of imports from foreign countries and as a result of the processing of this native raw material there is a 75% increase in the number of male workers employed in your Tannery today.

During the past year the Minister for Supplies found it necessary to take over the control of the manufacture and distribution of all essential leathers produced at home. It is not fully realised that Irish Tanneries did not produce 60% of our total pre-war requirements when Wellingtons and rubber-soled boots shoes and sandals were very popular selling lines so one can easily appreciate how a great scarcity of leather might have arisen had not the Minister set up an advisory Council to assist the Department on matters pertaining to leather production and distribution.

Your General Manager, Mr C R Strutt was nominated as a member by the Minister and this selection is to my mind only a just recognition for the services which he has rendered to our modern tanning industry.

We must remember that away back in the year 1800 we had operating in this country over 840 small Tanneries. All of these made leather of a type from native hides and skins supplying a population of over eight million with their requirements in leather. The machine age subsequently arrived and foreign competition made the tanning industry unprofitable here and so each decade saw the gradual closing down of a number of these small Tanneries until eventually it became cheaper to import our boots and shoes rather than to tan our native hides and manufacture the finished article at home.

These times have now passed and I believe that the Tanning Industry has come to stay. Your Board is anxiously looking forward to the time when the Irish Tanneries will be in a position to supply all the leather requirements of the country. I have no doubt that this can be done as all that is needed is co-operation between the responsible Government Department the Tanner and the Consumer.

Today we all realise how essential industries are, but to Mr Lemass we must give full credit as it was he who repeatedly advocated and fostered the development of our industrial arm and offered the fullest co-operation of his Department to all willing to start new industries. On many an occasion I visited his Departmental officials and for a period I criticised their attitude, but today it is only fair for me to state that at times my criticisms were too severe. To the help and co-operation given by Mr Lemass through his officials this Company was started and now employs 170 male adult workers in Dungarvan. When we were honoured in Dungarvan by a visit from our Minister for Industry and Commerce on the occasion of the official opening of your Tannery he thanked the Dungarvan Development & Industrial Association for promoting this industry so essential to the everyday life of the people and welcomed further proposals promising his fullest co-operation and I can assure you that this promise has been faithfully kept, as evidenced by the starting of another factory near the town.

We frequently read criticisms in the daily papers of the Department of Supplies presided over since its inception by Mr Lemass as Minister but I am convinced that our people would today be bearing untold sufferings through want owing to abnormal world conditions but for the policy of industrial revival which he so strongly advocated for many years. At this juncture the country as a whole should feel deeply grateful to you, Shareholders for subscribing your money in furtherance of that policy thus making it possible to give employment at home producing manufactured goods previously imported from foreign countries.

The products of your Company are giving every satisfaction and the prices in operation today for 65% of the production are not 10% higher than those ruling at the end of 1939. As we were not using Irish hides at that period I cannot give you a comparative price for the remaining 35% but you will be pleased to know that our customers consider these leathers of excellent quality at a very reasonable price and much cheaper than anything they can procure on a competitive market. Your Directors have in mind the further development of your industry in order to be in a position to develop a post-war export trade. In 1939-1940 we decided to send samples of our products of our Irish sheep to various foreign countries, skins to various foreign countries, England and South Africa at once proved large potential markets. I foresee a large export trade being developed and with this end in view your Board has already given much time and thought to the consideration of plans for the development of this end of the business for the post-war period.

Turning to the Accounts which have been in your hands for some time you will note that the net profit for the year after making the usual provisions amounted to £4362.

Had we received one half penny per foot less for our leather during the year your accounts would show a loss instead of a profit. When it is realised that two feet of our leather go into the component parts of a pair of boots it will be seen how little this reduction would mean to

the consumer and how much it means to us. Adding to the net profit Transfer Fees £3 and the balance brought forward from last account £5367 we get a total credit balance of £9732. Out of this amount there has already been paid the dividend for the half year ended the 30th June 1943 on the Cumulative Preference Shares amounting to £244 leaving a net balance to be dealt with of £9488. Your Directors propose and recommend that the balance should be allocated as follows—By Transfer to General Reserve £2000 by Transfer to Employees Sick Benefit Fund £250 by the payment of a dividend on the Cumulative Preference Shares for the half-year ended 31st December 1943 £244 by the payment of a dividend on the Ordinary Shares for the year 1943 at the rate of 10% less income tax £750 and by carrying forward the balance of £6244 to the next accounts.

The only change of note in the Balance Sheet to which I need refer is the improvement in the cash position which is entirely due to a reduction in the stocks of raw materials etc. The remaining items show very little change and I feel that they do not call for any particular comment from me.

It is customary at an Annual Meeting to speak of future prospects of the Company but at the moment it is impossible to foresee the various changes that may take place during the coming year. New difficulties are arising every day and have to be dealt with as they arise. Just at present fuel and electricity supplies shipping restrictions and the maintenance of stocks of raw materials are causing considerable worry to your Directors. I need hardly assure you that we are giving all possible attention to these difficulties and see no reason for undue pessimism.

I wish to pay a sincere tribute to my colleagues on the Board to our Managing Director Mr R Dickens who is unable to be with us today owing to travelling restrictions to our General Manager Mr C R Strutt who is applying all his energy to the successful working of your Company to the Secretary Mr S Kelleher and to all officials and employees for the very loyal services they have rendered during the year.

I now formally move that the Accounts of the Company made up to the 31st December 1943 and the Directors Report thereon be adopted and will ask An Fear Mor to second the motion.

The motion was seconded by An Fear Mor and spoken to by Dr D T McCarthy and Rev T B Walsh BA PP St Patrick's Waterford who expressed gratification at the growing strength of this infant industry which was now firmly established and very competently managed. He hoped that the export arm referred to by the Chairman would be fully exploited and he congratulated the Directors and Staff and all those who contributed to such an excellent result.

The motion was then put and adopted unanimously.

The Chairman proposed the resolution to pay a dividend of 6½% per annum less income tax on the Cumulative Preference Shares for the half year ended 31st December 1943 and 10% less income tax on the Ordinary Shares for the year 1943 which was seconded by Dr McCarthy and adopted.

The retiring Directors were elected on the motion of Mr Walsh and seconded by Dr McCarthy and Messrs Kennedy Crowley & Co were re-elected Auditors on the proposal of Dr Cusack seconded by Mr John Bresford.

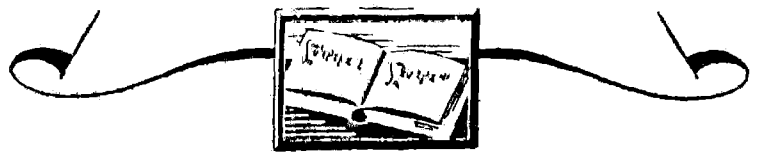
A vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Chairman Mr P J Moloney was passed in silence the Shareholders standing.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman Directors and Staff was carried with acclamation and replied to suitably by the Chairman.

### Grand Final Concert In Cappoquin

The third or final of the series of Concerts organised under the auspices of the Amalgamated Sports Clubs and the LDF Cappoquin was held in the Boathouse Hall Cappoquin on last Sunday night and proved the most enjoyable and successful event of the entire series.

Long before the Concert was due to commence the large hall was packed in the reserved portion at the front and by 9 o'clock the end of the building was crowded to an almost uncomfortable degree so that the audience exceeded that of the



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previous Sunday night and proved the largest seen at any local concert in the town for many years.

### ARDMORE COURT

The Ardmore District Court was held before Mr G P Farrell BL DJ on Monday last.

**Vehicles Without Lights**  
Sergt D Gallagher v Thomas Troy Drumgullane, Grange fined 2 6 and 1 6 Do v Laurence Downey Crushea Ardmore 2 6 Do v Ml Morrissey Grange 2 6 and 1 6 Do v Mary O'Brien Grallagh 2 6 Do v Patrick O'Neill Curragh Ardmore 2 6 and 1 6 Do v Henry Curran Grange 2 6 Do v Thos Halloran Rath Kinsalebeg 3 6

Guard D Baker Clashmore v Patk Quinn Grange 3 6 Do v John Curran Old Parish 2 6 Do v Jas Roche Piltown 1 6 Do v Patk Moore Old Parish 2 6

Guard Ml Daly Clashmore v Paddy Neill, Curragh 2 6 Do v Edmond Foley Ballybuisa 2 6 Do v John Walsh Carrowbeg 2 6

Guard P Ryan, Clashmore v John Mulcahy Curragh 1/ Do v Thos Ryan Ballybrussa West 3 6 Do v Batt Healy Summerhill 3 6 Do v Richard Foley Killenagh 2 6

**Drunk And Disorderly**  
Guard Thos Coffey, Ardmore summoned Philip French, Ro

A fine of 5/- was imposed. The same complainant summoned Patk Mulcahy Crushea Ardmore for being drunk and disorderly on the same day and a fine of 10/- was imposed. Deen Ardmore for being drunk at Ardmore on Jan 13th last.

**Weights And Measures**  
A fine of 10 was placed on John O'Rourke Clashmore who was charged at the suit of Sergt P J Kelleher Inspector of Weights and Measures for using a counter machine which complainant stated was false.

**Larceny Charge Dismissed**  
Jeremiah McCarthy Ardmore was charged by the Attorney-General with the larceny of articles from Mary K Eddy Ardmore to the total value of £2 15s 0d.

Having heard the evidence the Justice dismissed the case on the merits.

**School Attendance Act**  
Guard Ryan Clashmore summoned Bat O'Leary Carrondavdeag Clashmore under the above Act in respect of his child Bertie and a fine of 5/- was imposed.

**Bound To The Peace**  
John Melligan Reanaboola Clashmore was summoned by Miss Mary Fleming same address for assaulting her with the handle of a sprong, and for using threatening and abusive language towards her on or about March 28th last.

Defendant was bound to keep the peace for 12 months.



