





**BALLYDUFF NEWS**

**45 Drive**—A very enjoyable 45 Drive was held on Sunday night for funds for Muinntir Na Tire. Despite the cold night there was a good crowd and playing was keen. Four tied for 1st prize—Mrs Kearney, Mr J Pierce, Mr P. Daly and Mr J Lynch. The first and second prizes were pooled and divided among the four. We are glad that there was a lady among the winners. The men usually have it their own way in the game of 45 so they won't have such a monopoly of winning for the future.

**Hunt Club**—We enclose this week by way of a change verses written by members of the Hunt Club and sung at all their functions to the air of "McNamara's Band". So here it is—

**The Hunt From Ballyduff**  
 Me name is Dan Kenneally I'm the leader of the pack  
 I've hunted all the hills and glens to Donegal and back  
 When they hear me buzz the horn all the dogs they gather round,  
 There's not a hound in all the land but knows the welcome sound

Me name is Charlie Daly and I'm called the "whipper-in"  
 I ride the famous Lancer and he doesn't need a grin  
 You should see me fly the ditches from Knocklaune to Darrageen  
 We're the terror of the countryside myself and Bould Daneen

There is George upon the chestnut and he's always in the van  
 Jack Murphy and John Hickey they can ride with any man  
 But the 'devil of all the huntmen that I've seen for many a day

Is the darling Mickie Connors mounted on his gallant grey  
 There's Con Walsh upon the Minstrel and John Daly on the bay  
 Mick Beecher and John Hannon will be always in the fray  
 And when the wily fox will break the hunt will blaze away  
 You'll see Tom Parker on their heels with many a wild Hurrah

We have Higgins Harriss Bracketts and Keefes Kenneallys and Mills' too  
 We've Tobins Connors Walshes and they're all a noisy crew  
 There are Clancys and Hoskins Flynnns and Lahiffs and the Captain from Lismore  
 Murphys Briens and Scanlons and 150 more

We're a rattling rousing reckless band and fear no dyke or drain  
 Whatever the weather we're all together in sunshine hail or rain  
 When our foxhounds yell we would go through Hell to follow the wild "Hullo,  
 We're huntmen to our fingertips and comrades loyal and true

**Chorus**  
 Oh the whips go crack and the horses lash and the dogs they pace away  
 Kenneally sounds the horn and we're all off for the day  
 The rough and reckless riders they are made of terrible stuff  
 You never saw the likes at all of the HUNT FROM BALLYDUFF

**Hopes**—We hope that our writing has been legible this week, as last week there was some fantastic spelling both in Irish and English in these Notes. So will the Editor please polish his 'specs' and will that little devil of a printer's devil stop playing tricks!

**Old Age Pensioner's Death**

**NATURAL CAUSES VERDICT AT INQUEST**

Patrick O'Brien (76) married old-age pensioner of Shandon Dungarvan, died at his home on Saturday morning last Jan 13th. An inquest into the circumstances surrounding his death was held at the Courthouse Dungarvan on that evening by Dr D T McCarthy Coroner for West Waterford, sitting without a jury.

Mrs Norah Kirby Shandon daughter of deceased gave evidence that she noticed her father in a weak condition on Thursday morning Jan 11th and was preparing him for the doctor. While her back was turned the deceased slipped out of the bed and his head struck the ground.

**MEDICAL EVIDENCE**  
 Dr M Casey stated that he attended the deceased on Thursday Jan 11th at about 4.30 pm when he found him unconscious. There was a large contusion over the left frontal bone. His unconsciousness became deeper and he remained so until he died. Death, in his opinion was caused by intracranial haemorrhage which was due to such a fall as described by Mrs Kirby.

**VERDICT**  
 Dr McCarthy said that he found that deceased died from natural causes due to intracranial haemorrhage caused by an accidental fall and that no blame could be attached to anyone in the circumstances. He tendered his sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

**OBSEQUIES**  
 The remains of the late Mr O'Brien were removed to St Mary's Church on Saturday evening accompanied by a very large cortege and burial took place after last Mass on Sunday.

The chief mourners were—Mrs O'Brien (widow), Messrs Michael and Patrick O'Brien (sons), Mrs Kirby and Miss Mary O'Brien (daughters), Mrs Barry Miss Ester Teresa and Anne Kirby and Sean O'Brien (grand-children).

**ROAD REPAIRS IN WEST WATERFORD**

Through the good offices of Mr Michael F Walsh MCC Cappoquin who always has done his best for the ratepayers of the County the Department are prepared to give grants of £192 and £231 towards the repair of the accommodation road at Tourmarraheen and the erection of a bridge at the same place. These grants would be subject to local contributions of £64 and £77 respectively to cover the full costs of the schemes.

Mr Walsh was also instrumental in obtaining a grant of £284 for the repair of the accommodation road at Ballynoe East subject to a local contribution of £71 to cover the entire cost of the work.

We are sure the residents in these areas will appreciate Mr Walsh's efforts by subscribing the required amounts of local contributions so that the work may be completed as quickly as possible.

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**Co. Waterford Vocational Education Committee**

Very Rev T Canon O'Brien PP VF chairman presided at the monthly meeting of the above held at Sgoil na gCeard Dungarvan on Monday evening last. Messrs M Morrissey TD M F Walsh S Morris Fear Mór M Harty D Coghlan, and M O'Hara, were present. Mr Jas Lanigan, CEO and R Mac Eoin Clerk attended.

**£1 A Week Too Much**  
 The Secretary of the County Council wrote stating that the Co Manager had granted the use of the lower hall at the Courthouse Lismore for classes in Domestic Economy and Irish at £1 per week.

It was stated by several members that the rent was too high and after a discussion it was decided to request the Manager to make a reduction.

**Commission On Youth Employment**

A questionnaire was before the meeting sent out by Rev T Counihan SJ, chairman of the Education Sub Committee of the above.

A very long discussion took place on the different questions raised and the following were the recommendations made:

(1) That the school leaving age be raised to 15 years. Mr Harty stated that he would agree to this provided the parents of the children were in an independent economic position and able to bear the burthen of a further year's education of the children.

(2) That special instruction for backward students be provided (Canon O'Brien)

(3) That the hours of attendance be according to old time (Canon O'Brien)

(4) That Domestic Economy be a subject in girls primary schools (Fear Mór)

(5) That Rural Science be taught to primary schoolboys (Mr Harty)

(6) That a maximum of 30 students be allowed only in each class as they are scandalously large at present (Fear Mór)

(7) That urban and city programmes to suit different areas be enforced (Fear Mór)

(8) That less time be devoted to the teaching of mathematics as by following the 'maths complex' we are but following the old regime of the British whose aim it was to teach boys figures to send them to India to keep their accounts (Fear Mór)

(9) That a system of book-keeping be taught in Primary Schools to teach children to keep proper accounts in after life (Mr Harty)

(10) That bi lingual instruction be enforced in Vocational Schools (Fear Mór)

**Dungarvan Branch INTO**

Mr T Walshe presided at the annual meeting held in Egan's Hotel on Saturday 13th Jan the following members being present—Mrs Condon Mrs Hayes Miss M Tobin Miss K Brennock T O'Faolain L Whelan and W J Cullinan (Sec)

The minutes were read and signed and the financial report was adopted.

The following officers were elected for 1945—  
 Chairman—Mr T Walsh  
 Vice-Chairman—Mr M Brennock

Fin Sec—Mr W J Cullinan  
 Organiser—Mrs E Walshe  
 The Chairman was elected delegate to the Congress in Galway

Nominations for the CEC—  
 President—Mrs Clarke Co Mayo  
 Vice-President—Mr D Kelleher Dublin

Principals Rep—Mr J Mansfield Tipperary  
 Assistants' Rep—Mr J Griffin Waterford  
 Fin Com Rep—Mr J Scannel Limerick

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the family of the late Mrs M Delany and from Mrs M Ryan

The Secretary stated in his report that there were at present 68 members in the branch. For the quarter ended 30/9/44, only one member lapsed all the others being clear with the organisation. Only fully paid-up members he stressed are entitled to benefits.

During the past year three members received grants from the Illness Fund. The Branch contributed £13 12s to the Widows and Orphans Fund for 1944. Concluding his report the Secretary thanked the members for their co-operation during the year.

The report was considered very satisfactory and was adopted. A sum of two guineas was voted for the Kearney Memorial Fund.

Congratulations and best

**A GOOD BEGINNING**

- 1 "A good beginning is half the work" is a proverb as true of wheat sowing as of anything else
- 2 Unfortunately the weather in Autumn and early Winter was so unfavourable that a good beginning with this year's wheat programme just wasn't possible
- 3 It is all the more important, therefore that every opportunity should be taken to sow as much Winter wheat as possible before the middle of February
- 4 Good supplies of Queen Wilhelmina Pajbjerg and Squarehead's Master have been assembled

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wishes were extended to Mr T Wall Kilbrien NS, on his retirement, and to Mr M. Murphy Modeligo NS on his marriage. The Quarterly Bulletin was then read and discussed and the following resolution was passed unanimously—  
 "Dungarvan Branch demands an immediate increase in present salaries to meet the greatly increased cost of living. The latest magnanimous grant of

one shilling per week may be the first faint trickle of the flood of generosity yet to come but in itself does nothing towards relieving our pressing needs. When we consider the salaries and conditions of service of teachers in the Six Counties and in England we no longer wonder at the flight of our finest young men and women from the land that gave them birth but little else.









