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## HOW CHRISTMAS WAS SPENT

Only the ashes of the Yule Log are left now but it was certainly good while it lasted and many there were who warmed themselves from its bright twinkling blaze.

Christmas this year proved just as enjoyable if not more so as those of former years. There was an abundance of good cheer everywhere and from appearances Santa Claus must have had a number of assistants engaged to handle the heavy deliveries demanded all over.

The pre-Christmas rush was as frantic as ever. Distracted shoppers hurried from shop to shop besieging the more distracted shop assistants with questions in an attempt to get presents for all. Toys for the kiddies stockings and handbags lingerie and cardigans shirts ties and socks and oh yes a pipe for father. Lists were scrutinised more than once to ensure that no one was forgotten. 'Did I get enough Xmas cards?' Oh dear I forgot one for Mr. and Mrs. X who were so nice to the family in the past year. That is how it went. Jostling and rushing pushing and racing the merry throng of eager shoppers went aforaging for the postmen with their heavy mail-bags groaned under the very weight of their deliveries while they pushed their heavily laden post carts bearing parcels and good news from friends near and far. In the post offices the counter staffs and sorters were ever busy dealing with the heavy rush of incoming mails but once again all proved great teams and everything was delivered in time.

Christmas Eve saw the usual merry throngs on the streets. The licensed houses and hotels all a roaring trade and the merry-makers toasted one another in right good style. Friends across the seas who came home for the Festival shook hands with their neighbours and made merry while the most houses re-united families enjoyed the thrill that only Christmas can bring that only Christmas can bring that only Christmas can bring.

The Churches were all thronged for Midnight Mass and everywhere was heard Happy Christmas and Merry Christmas with the reply 'Merry happy returns'.

Christmas morning was again brightly lit by the young folks and it is indeed true that Christmas is really for the children. The pleasure of the adults is reflected from the unbounded pleasure which the little ones experience as they open their stockings or eagerly scout around the Christmas Tree to find what Santa had left them.

Feasting and merriment then reigned supreme and budding tenors baritone and sopranos dusted up their party pieces.

With a budding and imperious knocking at doors on St. Stephen's morning many youthful vren-boys demanded a donation for the burial of his lordship as their colleagues chant ed that the Wren was the King of all birds. There was no peace as troop after troop appeared but all had to get a hand and an excited cluster could afterwards be seen counting the money 'takings'. This is a grand old Christmas custom which alas is fast dying away.

The meet of the Dungarvan Blazers at the Square Dungarvan on St. Stephen's morning provided much excitement and a large number watched a big contingent of hunters move off from the Square for a day's outing.

That night all dances were held in Cappoquin Lismore and Tallow while in Dungarvan a large crowd drawn from all over, thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Swimming Club dances.

Now we can look back at it and shelve Christmas 1946 with the other happy memories fled away in our memory cabinet. Only the embers are left but indeed, it was good and the only fault is that it was too short—it was over before we realised it.

## HOW THE LIFEBOAT CAME HOME

A HAZARDOUS SEA JOURNEY  
(By MICHAEL C. NAGLE)

When word was received that the old Lifeboat was to be returned to the port of Waterford a new one installed at the Helvick head-quarters plans were made at once for members of the local crew to travel to England to supervise the sailing of the more modern craft to her new home at the point of the Ring peninsula.

These plans were perfected in July of the present year and so commenced one of the most epic sea voyages ever undertaken by any lifeboat crew. It is hardly creditable that the regular facts can be vouched for the men who sailed the craft from her English moorings back to their native shores. The story of the Helvick lifeboat is so full of incident that I am obliged to relate facts as true an epic of the sea as any that can be related and shows the bravery and complete abandonment of personal safety with which these men of the Lifeboat Service are imbued.

It was on Thursday the last day of July that Michael Walsh and Mr. Kelly, Michael Tobin and Thomas Murray of the regular Helvick lifeboat crew set out from their homes on the first leg of the journey. They went by bus to the Port of Waterford where they met Mr. Morrissey the Secretary of the local branch of the Institute who had preceded them in a car with the crew's sea bags lifebelts and tools.

At about 5 p.m. they all boarded one of the Great Western Company's cross-Channel boats having gone through the official examination of the Customs and having stowed their gear in the hold. They returned to the pier where they had some refreshments including for the non-teetotalers the last bottle of good Guinness which they returned to their native habitations.

Satisfied and refreshed they returned to the ship which slipped her moorings at about 6.30 p.m. Like the light held the four lifeboat sea-farers inspected the craft from stern and later skipper Tom Kelly was seen with Mike Tobin and Paddy Morrissey discussing the coming Xmas herring trade when they were over 25,000 miles from home. In a reminiscent mood they talked of the fine day during the previous January when with three other boats they sailed over 25,000 miles to fetch herring in one day which realised over £150—a nice return from Davy Jones' locker.

While the ship ploughed along on a steady course a party went to the bow of the ship and Tom Kelly pointed out all the trawling grounds between Kilmore and the Barrel Rocks. At 10.30 p.m. the crew were in the Maich day during the war years in quest of fish.

On rounding the 'Tuskar' a strong westerly wind blew up and soon the ship was rolling from side to side. Passengers began to show signs of inexperience and many were soon to be in difficulties. A cry of alarm was heard as the lads scampered to the rescue and they found that a cattle-man had been sandwiched under a beast but on being extricated he was found to be little the worse for the sea.

The outward sea voyage ended when the boat docked at Fishguard at about 2.30 a.m. and a long train journey to London followed. The boat crew steamed into Paddington station half an hour after midday on the following morning.

More hungry than tired they went to an hotel where a big dinner was soon placed before them. With the relief that hunger engenders they tucked into the meal but it was noticed that one of the party looked unwell. He had been in the distance. He having insisted information on the butchering business realised that the meat on his plate was neither beef nor pork and on saying so the others chafed him saying that he was suffering from the effects of sea-sickness. To prove his point he called a waiter and received the discreet attention of the butcher's shop around the corner where we get our supplies. After dinner the entire party left the hotel for a sight-seeing tour of the great city which the majority of them were visiting for the first time. The first butchers shop that they came to around the corner was eagerly inspected by them and there was written across the window high letters 'HORSE FLESH FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION ONLY'. This information set beyond all doubt the origin of the joint that they had consumed so ravenously at dinner. However none showed or felt any the worse for a first new experience of big city that was just recovering from the rigours of a long war. Feeling the curiosity and what I can only call awe which every small town dweller feels on a first visit to large Metropolis the boys from Ring continued on their merry way. Each street and corner brought us fresh cargo of surprises and Paddy Morrissey who was skipping on this occasion, pointed out the various land marks to

## TALLOW TENNIS CLUB GRAND ANNUAL DANCE

NEW YEAR'S NIGHT  
— At —  
REGAL BALLROOM, TALLOW  
Orchestra  
THE BRIDESIDE SERENADERS  
Dancing 10 p.m.—4 a.m.  
SPOT and NOVELTY PRIZES  
PERFECT FLOOR  
Catering by Ladies Committee  
Admission - - 7/6 (Including Supper)

his proteges. Another great source of wonder to these men whose everyday lives are spent amid the solitudes of the deep was the enormous crowds that were rushing everywhere. The guide picked out the members of the different regiments and the men of various nationalities who had made Britain their home since the commencement of hostilities.

For the next five days this sight-seeing holiday continued and on one occasion when passing through the mecca of all tourists who visit this biggest city in the world—Hyde Park it was brought home to them that the time after all indeed a small place. Here they met many natives of the Decies and the 'Old Boro' in particular. Notes were compared and the time from home was imparted to the exiles.

Finally on August 6th the crew left London for Southampton accompanied by Lt. Commander Dutton, Irish Inspector and Mr. R. Scott. There they were lucky in seeing the giant Queen Elizabeth Travelling by ferry they crossed to Cowes on the Isle of Wight where they met Thomas Murray who had preceded them there on the previous Friday and had the first glimpse of the new 45 ft lifeboat which they were to bring back to Helvick.

The next day saw them out for trials and after a few minor adjustments the 'H F Bailey' she was called was pronounced fit for the homeward voyage. That evening was spent in watching the famous annual Cowes Regatta at which yachts from all over the world compete. An unusual experience for the boys was the rationing system carried out in the pubs which opened for only two hours each day and at which they always had to queue. As was the custom during war-time in England preference was always given to those in the forces. But not to be outdone by these regulations the lads soon solved the problem by appointing Michael Walsh (coxswain) as the forger-in-chief. He, by reason of the fact that he had a peaked service cap was always served with the first beer. Black and white which the boys who were used to the strong Irish drinks to be got at Draper's or Murray's pronounced as being little better than the first beer. But when they were often glad to get it and to drink it off the premises, as they were more often than not constrained to do.

At 5 a.m. on the 8th August the boys were up and after stowing their gear and laying in a stock of food the boat was ready to leave at 6.25. With a heavy gale blowing the 'H F Bailey' nosed into a rough sea and headed for Brixham. Battered by strong winds and awash with heavy seas and torrential rain, she punched her way along. The wheel was taken in three-hour shifts by Commander Dutton, Michael Walsh, Tom Kelly and Paddy Morrissey. After 15 1/2 hours she reached her first port at 9.40 p.m. After setting in to the re-fuelling the tanks the crew went to the local hotel for a meal and after a short tour of inspection all returned.

Another early start on the following morning saw the boat push off into a slight sea. By noon a fog began to come up and make matters once again uncomfortable. As the day progressed conditions became worse and as the Lizard Light House was passed at about six miles the evening visibility was down to three feet and a sharp look-out had to be maintained. Beating along in a thick 'pea-souper' the boat reached Ringway Quay (Penzance) at 8.45 p.m. Before retiring for the night the crew heard the unwelcome news of a gale warning on the wireless.

With wind shrieking and windows rattling, the battalion of rain on the pines, the sailors

## LOST!

Considerable sum of money, Ring-Dungarvan area on December 21st or 22nd. Numbers on notes known. Guards notified. Reward

lot of buffeting roll and pitch more than ordinary owing to their very shallow draught of only 3 1/2 feet and we were certainly getting it bad. One wave which seemed bigger than all the rest came straight at us and I heard the look-out man shout 'Hold on and I like the others bracing a wall for the latter. With flinching force the mighty wave crashed over us covering even the tops of the funnel and when the water had subsided I looked about to see if all was alright. The only thing missing was Thomas Murray's cap and sou'wester which had been swept off his head and he was sitting INSIDE the cockpit which gave a certain amount of shelter.

At about 1.30 two lifeboats and a Board of Trade buoy float were seen navigating a most dangerous and fearful channel. The search was amiss an extensive search of the area was made but nothing was sighted. Shortly afterwards the look-out man signalled a vessel which was without mishap. As soon as land was sighted it was necessary to get some charts which were stowed up for and it was more than a risk to get them. Tom Kelly volun- teered for the job and the others watched with bated breath as he crawled along his only hold for safety being the guide rail of the funnel. He was not having like a bucking broncho it looked as if he would be pitched over board but with grim determination he held on and successfully made the round trip. The number of charts which would be of interest to the Agricultural community they had a mobile unit which could visit rural halls and they asked for the support of the Committee in the matter of their charge would be £5 per show and for 14 shows £4 per show.

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Secretary—That would be a matter to be arranged.

Mr O'Ryan—If people in any locality want the committee they can get in touch with these people themselves. I don't think that it is a matter for the committee.

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The resolution was adopted.

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## Co. Waterford Committee Of Agriculture

Withdrawal Of Subsidies To Ploughing Matches  
Mobile Pictures Of Interest To Farmers

Mr P. R. Power chairman presided at the monthly meeting of the County Agricultural Committee held at the Courthouse Dungarvan on last Saturday. Other members present were Messrs M. O'Ryan, M. F. Walsh, M. McGrath, R. Barron, M. Leahy and D. Hesklin.

Mr D. Hurley Acting Secretary attended.

Letters from the Department dealt with the following—Approval of continuation premiums to boars in the County and also to premium bulls.

In reply to Mr McGrath the Secretary stated that where the bulls are breeding well that 6 or 7 premiums would be awarded.

Mr O'Ryan—What happens when the premiums are discontinued?

Secretary—The owner can dispose of the bulls or keep them as Chairman. The people seem to prefer the former.

Mr O'Ryan—It is a matter of choice.

A further letter dealing with the distribution of Turkey eggs said that person should be chosen who would be prepared to distribute pedigree eggs.

The matter was referred to the Poultry Instructors.

In another letter the Department wrote approving of the Dairy Cattle Prize Scheme as adopted by the Committee.

Approval was also received for the tenders for Lime under the Lime Subsidy Scheme accepted at the previous meeting.

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UNDER ICC RULES  
At CLONEA, DUNGARVAN  
By kind permission of the Reps of the late E. Casey  
On JANUARY 1st & 2nd, 1947

Judge—Mr. M. Riordan Slipper—Mr. R. J. Redmond  
THE DEISE CUP Value £50 (presented by Mr. P. J. Lynch  
Clonea Castle for Aged Greyhounds at £4 4s 6d each  
Winner £100 and Cup (to be won twice in all) Runner-up  
£30 2 dogs £8 each 4 dogs £4 each  
32 DOG TRIAL STAKE AND BALLYMACTANIST CUP  
32 BITCH TRIAL STAKE  
16 TO COURSE MAIDENS AND CUNNINGG CUP  
16 ONE COURSE MAIDENS AND BIGHAM RUM STAKES  
Entries (not accepted without fees) close on Dec 30th

## Annual Coursing Dance

At The THE TOWN HALL, DUNGARVAN  
On WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1st.  
Music by  
LAURENTIAN DANCE BAND FERMOY  
Dancing 10 pm to 4 am  
Admission - - - - 5 -  
(MISS) E. FOLEY & JOE FOLEY Hon Secs

some contribution. The operation would be very costly.

Mr Hesklin I doubt that it is a matter for local committees. If the Government encouraged companies to insure it would be alright.

Chairman—They have a Veterinary Service in operation in work some creameries already.

Mr McGrath—This would be a National system at the cost of the Government.

Mr Hesklin—If a Veterinary Service similar to that of the local Dispensary doctor could be instituted it would be better. Such a thing will have to be helped to get on as farmers and small farmers cannot afford such a service and it would be well if it were brought about.

Mr O'Ryan—It would cost a lot.

Mr Hesklin—Yes I know it is a question of providing the money.

Mr O'Ryan—A lot of these resolutions are passed by people who never take the costs into account.

Mr McGrath—A free Veterinary Service would be a very good thing.

Mr O'Ryan—It might be operated by Co-Operative Companies.

Mr Hesklin—You could work it by placing a nominal charge on the valuation.

It was decided to adopt the resolution with the recommendation of the members included.

It was stated that resolution number three had no effect on any other resolutions.

Improvement of Farm Out Buildings

In reply to Mr O'Ryan Mr Hesklin stated that he had recently discussed the scheme for the improvement of farm out buildings with Dr. Ryan and had been informed by the Minister that the whole matter was under review.

Secretary—A Departmental Committee are studying it at present.

Subsidies For Ploughing Matches

A resolution from a number of Ploughing Committees in East Waterford who held a joint meeting last week strongly protested against the action of the Committee at the last meeting in not granting the usual subsidies for Ploughing Matches. They asked if the Committee were not proud of the high standard set by the county at the Ploughing Championships and asked that the matter be re-considered as otherwise they would be unable to hold matches.

Mr Hesklin—At the last meeting I thought it was wrong to suspend the subsidies so soon. The fact remains no matter what is said that they are an encouragement to do a job well and to see that workers on the ploughing matches. I think it is unwise for us to withdraw these subsidies until we are able to cater for better and more up-to-date equipment for farmers. I am not prejudiced one way or the other but I would like to give local Committees encouragement and the sum is small but it is money well spent.

The Acting Secretary said that the total of the subsidies would be about £100.

Mr O'Ryan—I don't see that ploughing matches have improved ploughing in the least. Those farmers who learned to plough at home are just as good. At matches there is a man to guide the horses one at the reins and one at the plough and that's not right. Mr. Barron, the National Secretary protested about this. What farmers could afford a squad of men like that at ploughing at all is ridiculous.

Mr Barron—Ploughing matches were always held even in the old days.

Mr Leahy—I think the man who ploughs most in the day is the best.

Mr Barron—I don't agree. Mr Hesklin—it is not so much the number of men but the work that is done. The men and the work are the important things. It is to young men to go home

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