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SPOTLIGHT ON THE UNKNOWN

By THOMAS TOBIN

AN IRISH PRIEST ABROAD AN INSPIRATION TO ALL

"Monsignor Collender's Diamond Jubilee"

(Final Instalment)
 On Tuesday evening May 26 1931 Father Collender received a send-off from the parishioners of St. Peter's parish. Remarkable demonstrations of affection and loyalty marked the occasion and the magnificent work of Father Collender during his long stay of 27 years was recalled.

In particular attention was drawn to the fact that two great achievements stood out first the building of the De La Salle Brothers School and second the completion of St. Peter's Church which was erected completed and consecrated during the pastorate of Father Collender.

It was recalled that at the laying of the foundation-stone in 1917 five thousand pounds was collected and twelve months later nearly a similar sum was handed in the balance being cleared off. As well as splendid marble altar Stations of the Cross and other requisites were paid for by the people of Surry Hills with the result that it was their proud privilege to possess the most magnificent of churches in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Speakers also referred to the parochial Education Fund inaugurated by Father Collender to enable all children to receive a Catholic education. The fund enabled all children to receive education free of cost and at the same time provided for the teachers. The fund had proved a wonderful boon in the bitter depression years through which the country was passing at the time.

Clergy who attended to honor our Father Collender included Monsignor T. Hayden, Archdeacon E. O'Regan, Very Rev. Father P. Phelan, Fathers E. McAuliffe, R. Lonergan, T. Vaughan, F. Walsh, E. Rohan, J. J. Driscoll, J. P. Conroy, A. McHugh, E. O'Brien, C. Foley, T. Dunlea, M. K. Irish, B. Hudson, M. Walsh, J. McCarthy and M. Kennedy. Father P. Cunningham was president of a special committee that has been formed and which included the parish laity.

In his reply Monsignor Collender paid some splendid tributes to the Catholics of Surry Hills. He said that on occasions when he had prepared someone for death he had been given a sermon which did him good and at times he felt more inclined to pray to that person for intercession. Father Collender said that he did not expect to get any more real courtesies or kindness than was tendered to him in every home he visited in Surry Hills, nor could he expect to get more loyal friends.

"I will not because I cannot forget Surry Hills," he concluded feelingly.
 On Monday evening June 8 Father Collender was enthusiastically welcomed to the Holy Cross parish, and on the following day all the schoolchildren welcomed him at a special concert.

It did not take Father Collender long to adapt himself to the fundamentally different parish of the Holy Cross. He immediately evidenced the outstanding pastoral capacity that had characterized his work as a priest at all points. He had soon endeared himself to his new parishioners and was looking ahead in the interests of his parish with a vigour that was truly youthful.

he doesn't seem to have turned a hair in doing so
 I am perfectly sure that you are united with me in hoping that he will keep on going at the same rate. The Archdeacon has been able to achieve such magnificent results because he has been a wonderful priest. He has been everything that a priest ought to be not only since he came to Woollahra but from the time that he received the Holy Oils of ordination."

In June 1941 Monsignor Collender's Golden Jubilee was celebrated in the Archdiocese of Sydney and the parish of Woollahra. Cardinal then Archbishop Gilroy presided at Solemn High Mass in the Church of the Holy Cross which was celebrated by Monsignor J. J. Nevin.

There was general satisfaction and pleasure in 1941 when Archdeacon Collender was elevated to the ranks of the Monsignor and appointed a Domestic Prelate by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Monsignor Collender succeeded Monsignor Phelan as Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Sydney.
 For many years he has been a Diocesan Consulor under both Archbishop Kelly and Cardinal Gilroy.

More recently Monsignor Collender was honoured by Pope Pius XII with the rank of Prothonotary Apostolic.
 He has been a director of the Catholic Press Newspaper Co. for many years and has also served several terms as Chairman of the Board.

Monsignor Collender's brother was Father J. K. Collender, who was parish priest of Manila.
 When Monsignor Collender arrived in Sydney there were about 140 priests and the first priest had yet to be ordained from St. Patrick's College.

Manly Today there are about 600 priests in the Archdiocese of Sydney and approaching a thousand priests have graduated from Sydney's great ecclesiastical college.

YOUR REQUEST
 By special request I am this week reproducing a well known old-favourite and in so doing I should like to send best wishes to three readers in Hammerhead, Chicago and to Michael in Killmihill Co. Clare.

Cappoquin Rowing Club REGATTA & SCRATCH RACES

WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 5th, 1951 COMMENCING 3 pm (S.T.)

PROGRAMME INCLUDES—Heats, Semi-Finals & Finals in FOUR OARED OUTRIGGER RACING BOATS "BACON FACTORY", "O'CONNOR'S" & "BAGGENT'S GARAGE" Visiting Crews from Cork, Waterford & Clonmel will compete. Come and see the Cream of Munster's Oarsmen in Action.

Don't Forget Grand Cinderella Dance

In BOATHOUSE SAME NIGHT Dancing 9-2
 Music—MARINO DANCE BAND Visiting Crews will attend
 Admission—2/6 (Inc. Tax)

HELICOPTERS TO FIGHT WHEAT MIDGE?

Waterford's outbreak of wheat midge which was first noticed in the Western Area of the County is at present rapidly spreading and further reports of outbreaks have been received at the Office of the Department of Agriculture which show that almost every area from West to Tallow, has been seriously affected while further outbreaks in East Tipperary have also been reported. The disease is causing a great deal of anxiety throughout the County and some farmers in the Aglish area suggested that the Department of Agriculture should take immediate steps to send one or two helicopters to County Waterford to fight the spread of the disease by spraying.

Shortly after 5.30 on Monday evening an Emergency Meeting of Waterford Co. Committee of Agriculture was called and was largely attended by members representing all parts of the County and nearly all of them had the same story to tell. Mr. M. McGrath Vice-Chairman presided.

Mr. P. Conroy, CAO stated that since the outbreaks had first been reported he had been investigating them and had practically covered all of West Waterford. There was no question about it the position could not be more serious, and they would have to take every possible step to treat it as such. Ballyduff Cappoquin Lismore Knockanore, Aglish were affected and a report of an outbreak in Passage East had also been received.

Mr. M. Harty, informed the meeting that he had been told by a farmer that a crop of barley was affected but he could not confirm this yet.
 Mr. Quirke stated that it might be the imported wheat would have a bearing on this outbreak.

During further discussion it was made very clear that unless the Department takes immediate action the people of County Waterford and many other Southern Counties too will be faced with what may be their greatest crisis.
 Mr. Harty seconded by Mr. D. Harty the following resolution was telegraphed to the Department of Agriculture—"That we the members of the County Waterford Committee of Agriculture request the Department to send down to West Waterford immediately a team of experts to deal with the present outbreak of wheat midge."

Our correspondent states that he has seen several samples of the affected wheat which is attacked by the midge at the top of the ear and eaten downwards by the little yellow maggot-like insect.
 In the offices of the County Committee of Agriculture in Dungarvan the CAO Mr. Conroy showed them to him and when they placed a number of the insects on the desk it was very surprising to see them jump about. This fact alone backs up the statement that the spread of the disease can be very rapid but when it is noted

lovers by moonlight are roving
WANTED—A SONG
 A reader known as "Banner Country" requests the words of "The Hills of Co. Clare"
 Can anyone oblige?

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 THE BARGAIN HOUSE
 FOR SMALL PROFITS

WATERFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Water At Ballyduff—"Concentrated Bacterial Poison"

Further Phase in Rates Battle—Attorney-General Called In

At the quarterly meeting of the Waterford County Council held in Dungarvan on Monday last Mr. D. Leahy, Chairman, presided. Members present were as follows—Messrs. M. McGrath, M. Harty, R. Barron, N. Walsh, J. Quirke, J. Butler, D. Heskin, L. Morrissey, T. Power, T. Butler, W. Kenneally, E. Power, A. Fahy, T. A. Kynne, D. Camlin, J. Mansfield, M. Morrissey, and S. Ormond, TD.

Also in attendance were—Mr. S. J. Moynihan, Co. Manager, Mr. J. Dowling, Co. secretary, Mr. Ormond, Chief Assistant Engineer, Assistant Co. Engineers, and the other officials.

The analysts' report on the water being used by the people of Ballyduff, Co. Waterford which had been received from the Department of Pathology, D.C., stated that it is concentrated bacterial poison. This was pointed out by Dr. O'Neill M.O. when a deputation representing the people of Ballyduff came before the meeting with an urgent request to have a pure water supply made available. He also said that last week he attended a child who was suffering from stomach trouble as a result of drinking water from one of the local pumps and some immediate action is taken there is a grave danger of an outbreak of gastro-enteritis in the area.

The deputation was introduced by Mr. Quirke and included Rev. Fr. Keating C.C., Ballyduff, Mrs. Millias Ballyduff, Dr. O'Neill, do, Mr. P. O'Neill, N.T. do and Mr. Denis McCarthy, do.
 Dr. O'Neill stated that some time ago he had taken a sample of the water which supplies the needs of the village and had it analysed and the report he had since received from the Department of Pathology University College Cork stated that there were 1,800 germs per 100 cubic centimetres caused by human contamination to be found in the water. The report said that it was a concentrated bacterial poison and that it was the offensive to smell. Two years ago a scheme for the provision of water supplies for Ballyduff had been sanctioned, but since then nothing had happened. It was his belief that the village that it would be another two years before they would have that supply which was estimated to cost £212,000. Dr. O'Neill went on to say that the provision of tanks in the village at a cost of £10,000 and two suggestions to offer the Co. Council which might assist them in treating the matter as one of grave urgency. He called on the Council to put forward suggestions and she did so stating that suggestion number one was that they could harness the supply available at the existing well, while the other suggestion was that they bore a spot where they could be sure of from three to four thousand gallons of water per hour. They would have to go down about 78 feet which would cost them about £225 and with the provision of tanks in the all-in-all would be around £400. Mrs. Millias stated that from this source they could be sure of more than an adequate supply to meet the needs of the village and they had an offer from the contractor that he would not charge for the job until such time as the water was coming to the satisfaction of those concerned. She suggested that the Council's Engineer examine the source as suggested and she felt sure that he would find it all she had stated it to be.

One of the Council's Engineers pointed out that it would be impossible to say what the supply would be like from an underground source and he could not see how it had been ascertained that from three to four thousand gallons per hour would be available.
 The Assistant Co. Engineer stated that the approved scheme for the Ballyduff area was at present in the Department's hands and in an advanced stage. He thought that it would not be long more until its commencement but it would take about two years to complete.

Mr. Quirke—we have been considering this scheme for two years, and I'm afraid the water will not reach Ballyduff for another three years and the people of this district desperately want pure water. Yet here now it would seem that the Waterford County Council is going to ask them to drink poisonous water until the pure water is sent up to them from the Knockmesdown mountain. He suggested that the Engineer should take into account the serious position in the area and take some immediate steps that would at least provide the people with a temporary arrangement that would give them pure water.
 At this stage, Dr. O'Neill stated that during the past week he

had been attending a child in his area who was suffering from stomach trouble caused as a result of drinking water from one of the local pumps. He said that the position was that there may be at any time an outbreak of gastro-enteritis and that would be very serious for the county and very costly as well. He suggested that the Council might be able to give them a grant and they would do the work themselves.
 Mr. Kynne stated that in view of the seriousness of the position in Ballyduff they should regard it and treat it as an emergency and get the Co. M.O. to report on the case immediately and if it was found necessary he would be in favour of giving £1,000 by way of a grant.
 Mr. Heskin agreed with the previous speaker's remarks and said that they should go ahead with some form of temporary scheme while they were waiting for the main scheme to come through.
 The Co. Manager said that he had been in with the Department in connection with the main scheme which would meet the needs of Cappoquin Lismore and Ballyduff. Agreement had been reached on all technical points in relation to the scheme and he did not think there would be any undue delay in proceeding with it. He did not think however that it was the intention of the Department to go ahead with the Ballyduff Scheme right away but when they get the facts as placed before this meeting there was no doubt but they would soon change their minds.
 There was a considerable amount of discussion at this stage on the hold-up of water supplies in Lismore and Cappoquin during which Mr. Heskin, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Camlin spoke. It was pointed out that in reply to Mr. Kynne the Minister had stated in the Dail that the Council was responsible for the hold-up and not the Department.
 Mr. Heskin said that this was not so while some other members maintained that the Minister had made it very clear.
 Mr. J. Butler pointed out that no matter what they would say they would have to face up to it that if there was a danger of an epidemic they would have to take every possible step to forestall it.
 Mr. O'Neill N.T. said that the position in a nut-shell was that they would have to cut off the existing supply and do without water for continue to use the water and take the chance of being poisoned or get another source of supply. That was the only way out—a new source of supply. The present one he said was nothing more than drainage water into which cattle can readily get and there was little need to go further. The matter was more than urgent, and if there is an epidemic then the blame will rest on someone. He said that while they did not wish in any way to dictate to the Council, they wished to make it very clear that they desperately needed this water supply and they

were determined to get it. He added that the position had been bad for the past 8 years. Mr. O'Neill went on to say that there were many samples taken during the past 8 years but they never heard anything at all about them.
 Mr. Quirke—I would like to know what happened the reports on those samples.
 The County Manager stated that it were was anything wrong with them the Co. Medical Officer would have brought the matter up for attention.
 Rev. Fr. Keating in his address said as a priest among the people of Ballyduff and as Chairman of the local Parish Council, he had this matter as one of grave concern to the people and to the Council who should do all they possibly can. I ask you to look upon this matter from the point of view of your own consciences both as a body and as individuals. The Chairman says he is in sympathy with us—I am thankful to him for that. We are taking the matter very seriously and we are prepared to look after the matter ourselves rather than wait for it to come through the long process of law.
 Continuing he said that they were taking the matter seriously not just from the point of view of a humanitarian or a Christian but from the point of view of their consciences—it was a terrible thing to realise that young children and old people had to rely on water that meant poison for their everyday needs when with a grant, with aid from their own local authority they could be sure of water that was pure and healthy.
 The Chairman stated that they would give the matter their very careful and immediate attention and said that they would get the reports of the Engineer and the Co. Medical Officer immediately and deal with them from there on.
 Dr. O'Neill said that the Co. Medical Officer had received the same report as he had received on the 4th July last.
 Mr. Kynne again stated that the matter should be treated as an emergency pointing out that had the water from the present bad source suddenly dried up they would have to do so and why not do that in this case which in his opinion was more serious.
 The Manager said that if the position was as serious as had been stated then the matter would have to be faced up to immediately.
 Dr. O'Neill pointed out that they could contact the Co. Medical Officer at his home and

he has the report which can be considered by the Council at the meeting that day. He added that he had discussed the matter with the Co. Medical Officer's assistant who agreed that there was a likelihood of typhoid in the area with such conditions.
 It was pointed out that a cow recently killed had been dumped into the source of their water supply.
 The Manager said that he would have a full report on the whole case within two days and would have every step taken to make matters right. With reference to the statement concerning the report stated to have been sent to the Co. Medical Officer he would like to say that the Co. Medical Officer could only rely on his own investigations and could not go on the report.
 Mr. O'Neill—But that report came from his own Medical Officer's investigators.
 Finally the matter ended on the assurance of the Chairman that everything possible would be done.

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 Mr. M. Morrissey supported him.
 The Chairman stated that he was sorry there should be any
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LATE OF ABBEYSIDE, DUNGARVAN
 Persons indebted to the Estate of the late Dr. D. T. McCarthy in respect of Attendances and Professional Services are requested to communicate with the undersigned Solicitor for the Executors at an early date.
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