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SPOTLIGHT ON THE UNKNOWN

By
THOMAS TOBIN

A PLAY MOUSE

Dungarvan Dramatic Club was recently putting on its 22nd production in the Friary Hall. The play was "Love from a Stranger" by Frank Vosper based on a story by Agatha Christie.

The hall was well packed when suddenly there was a commotion noticed. Then the cause of the uproar was spotted moving across the floor at a steady pace. It was a mouse and as it realised that he was now playing his part, he scurried back and forth, dodged here and there through out the hall. Eventually he again dashed down among the audience and this time decided to call it a day.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

From a number of English newspapers come reports which speak highly of the efforts of an opera star a young lady well known to Dungarvan. She is Miss Theresa Deworth Skipton, who played the title part in "Sweeney Todd" and "Princess Ida" which was recently presented by the Skipton Amateur Operatic Society at Skipton.

The British Press says of her part in "Princess Ida" which directs the vestal seclusion of Castle Adamant was played by Theresa Deworth who acted well and sang with particular accomplishment. Deworth is a niece of Mr. Wm Regan, Connolly Row and is well known in Dungarvan where she often spends her holidays. She has on many occasions sung with the Choir of St. Augustine's Church, Dungarvan.

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

The sad complaint reached this office of the crying need for employment this Christmas. There are many young men married and single so much in need of employment and it seems that there is little to offer them. Dungarvan is not alone in this complaint unfortunately it is the same all over the country as can be seen from the daily Press and so many of us had to ask—what is the reason for it all?

ANOTHER GREAT TREAT FOR DUNGARVAN

Next week-end Dungarvan will have the opportunity of enjoying one of the best known operas by Gilbert and Sullivan. "HMS Pinafore" which is being presented by the students of St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights at the new Friary Hall.

IRISH VICTIMS OF STORM IGNORED

Readers of this column will remember that recent years have seen the Ballygully district suffering serious loss when their homes were severely damaged by a freak storm. It will be recalled that for two months the storm brought particular pain—the loss of their homes. They are Miss M Healy and Mr Jim Leary (and old age pensioner). Since then these people have been homeless and are struggling on in life dependent to a great extent on neighbours. The Fraher family of Ballygully whose home was also severely damaged are carrying out repairs at great cost but with the consoling knowledge that soon again they will have their old home. Miss Healy is I understand, making every effort to put a recently acquired house into proper condition but without aid her task will be hopeless.

Since they suffered the tragic stroke few have offered their aid outside their immediate neighbours. Few thought it worth while to ask if they needed aid and few seemed to care.

Then came the appeal for help for the victims of the Italian floods and what happened? Money from State and voluntary sources just poured in. All this was very laudable but yet this Christmas, thousands of Irish homes will be cold and hungry simply because young Irish men and women cannot find work and little financial assistance from the State. These Dungarvan people who were victims of the storm have not been offered a penny from the State and as far as I can gather when one of the victims applied for a grant he found himself up against enough red-tape to tie up all the forms that fill the shelves of Government House.

Then again there was a collection on Sunday last for the St Vincent de Paul Society for the purpose of providing a little extra for the many so much in need of help now at Christmas time, more than ever. On this occasion the people contributed

Balance of Mind Disturbed

The jury having considered the evidence returned a verdict of insanity and respiratory failure in accordance with the medical evidence caused by the dislocation of the second cervical vertebrae self-inflicted while the balance of the mind was disturbed.

Sympathy

Expressions of sympathy with the relatives of the deceased were passed by the Coroner, Supt Flanagan and Mr Coyne foreman of the jury.

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Tragic Discovery At Clashmore

The tragic story of how a man discovered the body of his brother hanging from the rafters of a pigery was told at an inquest held in Clashmore, on Friday evening last before Mr. T. C. Williams Supt, Dungarvan, Acting Coroner for West Waterford sitting with a jury.

The dead man was John Walsh of Curranbeg Clashmore whose body was found on Thursday night, Dec 6th by his brother Thomas who called to have a chat with him.

Death of Mr. James O'Gorman, Mary Street, Dungarvan

The people of Dungarvan and district learned with profound regret on Sunday morning, 15th Dec, of the death of Mr James O'Gorman Mary Street, Dungarvan which occurred at his residence late on Saturday night, Dec 8th.

An octogenarian who had been up and about until quite recently, the late Mr O'Gorman had enjoyed a long and happy life in the bosom of his large family.

A member of one of the best known and most respected families in the old Boro the late Mr O'Gorman was one of nature's gentlemen who possessed many admirable traits of character. Highly cultured and a good raconteur, he always proved good company and his passing has removed a land mark from the town.

His passing will be an especial loss to his family with whom he had spent sixty-one years of his long life married in perfect harmony and happiness and to her and to his sons and daughters, all of whom are well known in many parts of Ireland our deepest sympathy is extended.

At the removal of the remains to St. Mary's Parish Church on Sunday evening there was a very large and representative cortege. The remains were received at the Church gates by Very Rev T Canon O'Brien P.P. assisted by Rev Fr Farrell C.C. Requiem Mass was celebrated for the happy repose of his soul on Monday morning and the interment took place in the adjoining cemetery. Very Rev T Canon O'Brien P.P. V.F. assisted by Rev Fr Farrell C.C. Rev D Byrne C.C. Rev J Corbett P.P. Ring and Old Parish and Rev N P Duffner O.S.A. officiated at the graveside.

Chief mourners—Mary O'Gorman (widow), Patrick Michael James John Thomas and Edward (sons) Mrs Slattery Mrs Patterson, Mrs Glynn, Mrs Flaherty Mrs Morrissey Mrs O'Malley (daughters) Mrs Ellen Moriarty Mrs O'Gorman Mrs M O'Gorman Mrs J O'Gorman Mrs T O'Gorman Mrs E O'Gorman (daughters-in-law), Mrs A Heine, Miss M Barry John Moriarty (relatives) Sheila and Sean Moriarty (great-grandchildren).

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES AT C.B.S. PUPILS ANNUAL OPERA

The pupils of Dungarvan Christian Brothers' Schools scored another outstanding success when they presented their third annual entertainment in the form of three colourful musical productions at the Town Hall, Dungarvan on last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Packed audiences greeted each of the four performances and all were unanimous in their praise of the very high standard of entertainment provided.

Of the three productions presented namely "The March of Time" (a Pageant of 300 years of Irish history) "Campbell of Kilhor" (a short play depicting a scene in Scotland's fight for freedom) and "Columbus in A Merry Key" (an opera in comedy which told the colourful story of Columbus and through the remarkable ability of the young actors, the production was a very fine selection of Irish music and song was rendered, making it memorable in the minds of all who were fortunate to witness the play).

In the "March of Time" we were treated to glimpses of the glorious history of Ireland as the many characters that played such a prominent part in its making were brought to life through the remarkable ability of the young actors. During the production a very fine selection of Irish music and song was rendered, making it memorable in the minds of all who were fortunate to witness the play.

"Campbell of Kilhor" a short play by J. A. Ferguson presented a story which, although based on Scotland's struggle for freedom in 1745 could well be regarded as one of the Irish who too rebelled and knew but too well, the meaning of "On The Run". It was a play that young and old could enjoy and the manner in which it was acted last night for the local Christian Brothers' School. As Mary Stewart, Patrick Dee, played a major part with ease and gave superb effect to his all-important lines James Hughes as King Ferdinand and Michael Whelan as James the innocent little girl of the hills did well throughout his part while Stephen Kirwan as Duggald Stewart the rebel could not have been better. He seemed just born for the part and in every line he spoke he did so with the feeling of "The Rebel". Mr Rochford played the part of Archibald Campbell—no easy task for so young a player but he did so with a confidence and his scene of despair following his failure to make the rebel speak was a real pleasure to watch. Captain Sandeman played by P. Power C. Shalloo and J O'Connor "all and everyone" of the play were exceptionally good but a special word of tribute is due to the tiny Banana Bill played by young Michael Whelan and King Ferdinand played by W. Lyons. They ruled the Isle of Caribbe where Columbus and his company landed and without doubt their act presented the greatest laugh of the show.

Michael Whelan returned to our many occasions as King Taploca's Prime Minister, rocked the house in laughter with his excellent elocution in putting across a series of well timed "wisecracks".

The singing by Michael Lyons of "Hawl Away" was a very pleasing number in this scene.

On the whole the productions could not have been better and their success reflects yet another tribute to the high standard of education set by the CBS of Ireland.

The orchestra responsible for the musical accompaniment helped in a very big way to make the event the success it was and although specially organised for the occasion it left only one desire in the hearts of all and that was that it should be permanently retained as a Dungarvan Orchestra.

Man behind the production was Brother Kennedy who is to be heartily congratulated on a remarkable achievement but many helpers both on and off stage are not to be forgotten for their valuable efforts and the glowing tributes paid to them by Very Rev. T. Canon O'Brien, P.P., V.F., and Rev Bro Keane.

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