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## SPOTLIGHT ON THE UNKNOWN

By THOMAS TOBIN

**WILLIAM CROTTY**  
OUTLAW AND POPULAR HERO  
Russellstown, situated on the northern border of the County Waterford and not too far from the Village of Fourmilerwater is not to my knowledge a well known name in the Journal of the Waterford and South-East of Ireland Archaeological Society particularly distinguished for anything worth recording save that it was the birthplace of William Crotty the most conspicuous person of his day in his native county and a man cherished by succeeding generations of his countrymen for the heroic deeds which he was associated in the district where lake and mountain peak perpetuate his name. He flourished about the commencement of George the Third's reign and was the son of a Tipperary highwayman, Brennan and 'Captain' Trant as well as of his Kilkenny counterpart 'Captain' Freney whose Life and Adventures as recorded in his autobiography, priced at 6d. afforded exciting reading to at least two generations of law-detesting Irish boys.

Crotty, however must have been the most defiant and powerful of the men of his time for while he operated singly or with a few temporary confederates he was the leader of a numerous body of desperate associates who came and went at his command. Most of his strength lay in the fastnesses of the Comeraghs well known to the authorities yet he held it for years in their despite while on the contrary his later imitators were for ever driven to seek new hiding places. As a matter of course the published estimate of Crotty's character differs diametrically from that derived from the traditions of the peasantry. The resident in the district where his depredations were carried on for while his enemies the conservators of law and order branded him as a reckless, bloodthirsty, and rapacious marauder and in fine gave him such an infamous character that to use the expressive language of my informant the devil wouldn't pick his bones for him. On the other hand assert that he never shed blood unnecessarily or only when defending his life and liberty while they aver that he habitually shared with the poor an honest spoils he had taken from the oppressive class.

In Crotty's time the whole district between the head waters of the Nire and Finisk on the one side and the hills at the slopes extending to Glin and Gurteen on the other side was as thickly wooded as Ballymacarbery is now and to one well acquainted with the local topography there was many a secure retreat available. But it was not a hiding place Crotty selected as his headquarters but a post of observation from which he could command an extensive view in every direction that it was utterly impossible for any body of his enemies to approach unobserved by day and it was too difficult for any strangers to reach by night. This desirable locality the bold freebooter found in the immediate vicinity of a mountain lake situated about one mile to the north of Comingshaun. The lake, as it is now designated, its ancient name was Loughgorra—is a tarn of about a dozen acres in extent and is formed in a depression of the mountain's brow. Its immediate vicinity rises a very tall isolated and almost perpendicular crag which is known in the vicinity as 'Stola Crottach' or Crotty's Stool. It is also designated 'Crotty's Seat' on the map of the Ordnance Survey.

At present the most accessible way of approach to the outlaw's domicile and watchpost is from the bridge of Struthagower (the goat's stream) at which point the road from Dungarvan to Carrick is crossed by a mountain stream formed by the junction thereof of two separate rivulets whose course may be traced far up through the rough hillsides. Of these the more western is 'Struthagower', the other is 'Uishga Sollais', the 'limpid water'—a poetic appellation than which nothing could more appropriately be given for this clear sparkling, flashing, fairy-tainted rill. Passing up between the two water courses, and surmounting knoll after knoll the rill reached and bended in a shallow depression lies 'Crotty's Lake'. Immediately behind stands the lofty, abrupt rocky peak, from whose summit the adventurous climber may obtain a view extending over a great part of the County and into the Counties Tipperary and

Kilkenny and even far distant Wexford. In truth it is a beautiful panorama that Irish bandit's outpost offers to the admirer of the sublime and picturesque in nature and one which Saluator Rosa might delight in depicting. A torch of light in the cloud-piercing pinnacle on the crag-covered base of this mountain Crotty discovered a deep subterranean cavern extending in a natural chamber to which access could only be obtained by means of a rope dropped down from the steep and darksome aperture. Into this fastness the outlaw never admitted any of his confederates, but there was always some appointed place of rendezvous where he met them and directed their proceedings. His wife alone shared the shelter of his mountain den and kept watch on the rock above while he slept. But besides this cavern appropriated as a dwelling there is another cave situated in the stupendous cliff of Comingshaun which the peasantry call 'Crotty's Stable'. From the assertion that he utilised it as one of the out-places for the livestock which his band captured in the lowlands till they could be profitably disposed of.

Still another memento of the famous outlaw lies down in the Ormeau map as Crotty's Rock is an isolated knoll on which stands three large perpendicular stones and which is situated a short distance to the north of the town of Comingshaun. It is to be presumed that it was one of the outlaw's places of rendezvous or an occasional place of security for his band. The principal one of Crotty's lowland confederates and the man he most confided in was one David 'Mick' Kelly. Kelly learned to distrust his professions of attachment to her whom she frequently warned to beware of trusting too far to the smooth-tongued flatterer or the devoted devotee. Kelly learned to distrust his professions of attachment to her whom she frequently warned to beware of trusting too far to the smooth-tongued flatterer or the devoted devotee.

Oh, William Crotty, didn't I tell you  
That David Norris would sell you  
He did surround you when you were sleeping  
And left me here alone and  
Och hone! Och och hone!  
He wet your powder he stole your arms  
And left you helpless in the  
My bitter curse fall on him and his  
That brought you to an end like this  
Och, hone! Och och hone!

Crotty's suspicions were well founded. Both Norris and his wife had been bribed to betray the outlawed chief and they gave constant information of his movements to the authorities so that the greatest circumspection on his part to avoid falling a victim to their treachery. Still there were times when worn out with excessive fatigue, the fugitive was compelled to relax his vigilance, and trust to chance, and the obscurity of his mountain retreat for the opportunity of obtaining the repose which exhausted nature required. On one such occasion Norris learned of his intention to take a protracted rest in his cavern above the lake and he conveyed the information to the magistratus by whom he was surprised. His official ordered a party of military and marched secretly to the vicinity of Crotty's hiding place. They surrounded the cavern intending to maintain a strict blockade until the outlaw unconscious of their presence, should emerge therefrom and become an easy captive. Their bivouac on the exposed mountain top lasted longer than they expected or desired and the commander of the party began to doubt the accuracy of his information, and began to suspect that the object of his visit was not then a 'home'.

However, being unwilling to abandon the position it had cost them such exertion to occupy without a final attempt to ascertain the positive truth, he on consultation with his civilian colleague offered a large reward to any soldier who would volunteer to descend into the cavern and explore its recesses. The men naturally shrank from the perilous enterprise but at length one of them, tempted by the offered reward, and perhaps thinking the place unoccupied, offered to undertake the risky job. It was arranged that he should be lowered cautiously, so as to be able to reconnoitre, as he descended and then observe the

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#### PARTITION

(To The Editor)

A Chara—I would be obliged for publication of the following letter in your widely read paper. Our primary duty as Irishmen is to take an interest in our country to defend her rights and curb her wrongs. Many of us at home and abroad seem to have lost that interest and forgotten our name and race. Sons and daughters of Ireland are scattered over the globe in particularly large numbers in USA and England. If these united together what a powerful arm in defence of our rights we could wield but alas! such is not the case as many are indifferent.

Partition is one of our greatest evils today and while it remains we must face facts, we cannot become a prosperous nation—we are not a nation at all. The British Empire is leaving nothing updone to justify Partition maintain the boundless keep us united. Throughout the world she is using all the means in her power to defend her injustice. Not for one moment are her agents off the alert.

How well false propaganda is accepted against our God-given right. We must demand our right—Ireland one and free, and we must work to achieve it. It is not being done. Once in a while we awaken the spirit is revived and from every platform, Partition is voiced but the election is past and the demand is over for some time. Every demand we have made England has answered with something more drastic, such as the Ireland Act, supported by armed force.

Unity is the remedy not of any section or party, but of every Irishman and woman not for a day, but until the evil is ended.  
**LIAM LEDDY,**  
Araglen August 13th, 1952

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### Waterford Board Of Public Assistance

Reference To Fatal Accident At Ballyduff

Reductions In Home Assistance

Mr R Barron Chairman presided at the monthly meeting of the Waterford Board of Public Assistance held in Dungarvan on Monday last.

Present were—Messrs D Heskin, T Kyne, TD T Gallagher, W Keneally TD Senator J Butler and F Roche.

Mr D Heskin, who pointed out that there was a certain amount of discontent in the Ballyduff area as a result of rumours in circulation following the accident and he was most anxious to have the whole case cleared up.

The Secretary, stated that he had all the correspondence in connection with the case, but would be made available at this meeting.

Following consultation with the County Manager, the Secretary stated that he would like to meet the following day the accident the local Nurse was on the scene and rendered every possible assistance.

The Talloow MO was not sent for and following removal of the injured man to Dungarvan District Hospital the resident MO did see the patient before he died.

Mr Heskin asked if the Medical Officer's report was available at the inquest and was told that it was not possible to get a copy of the report with certainty, but the matter was not the responsibility of the Board at all.

Mr Kyne said that the MO's evidence was not available at the inquest and he was not sure that it was not possible to get a copy of the report with certainty, but the matter was not the responsibility of the Board at all.

Mr Gallagher—I'm sure the jury did ask that question Mr Kyne—if there was a jury.

Finally the matter was adjourned to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr Kyne's attention to the general complaint of a considerable reduction in Home Assistance payments stating that from reports made it appeared that the matter was being very seriously considered.

He said that he always felt that the new Social Services were mainly to counteract the recent increases in the cost of living, but if it was the case as had been suggested that the position was worse now than before then he would call for an investigation into the case by the Department.

The Superintendent of Assistance Officer pointed out that those people who have had their payments reduced are still around 3 - better off than they were before the new service came into force.

He said that if the new service was reduced but the only drawback was the loss of fuel. If they could not get their allowance of turf, it would mean the loss of over the 3 already mentioned.

He stated that even with the new services they would be no better off. Mr Phelan stated that he had been in consultation with the County Manager in connection with this matter and they hoped to deal fully with it so as to have arrangements completed for the winter season.

He also stated that the Manager had indicated to him that he was considering the granting of a slight increase to all those who were on Home Assistance only and who are not in receipt of pensions or other allowances.

In reply to Mr Heskin, Mr Phelan stated emphatically that these reductions in payments were not brought about on Government Orders and this had been stated in Dail Eireann recently even by the Minister.

Mr Kyne said that if the cases which had been reported to him were just isolated ones then it would be possible to handle them in time and he was at present awaiting reports on them from Mr Phelan.

The Secretary read out details of the proposed Male Nurse Training Scheme and on the suggestion of the County Manager, it was agreed to send

### G.A.A.—Football.

BALLINACOURTY DEFEAT STRADBALLY IN GROUP SEMI FINAL JUNIOR FOOTBALL

ARDMORE WIN FROM THE NIRE IN SECOND ROUND JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Ballynacourty 0-5  
Stradbally 0-2

Ardmore 0-4  
Nire 0-2

At the Gaelic field Dungarvan on Sunday last, before a fair crowd, two junior football championship matches were decided when Ballynacourty defeated Stradbally and Ardmore put out the Nire. The day was fine for the best part of the games but as the evening wore on rain began to fall about ten minutes before the Ardmore-Nire match concluded.

The swarding of the field was again very bad and much to be desired where spectators were concerned. The games were played in a good sporting and clean fashion and the referee Mr P. Flusj Dalton of the Killossanty Football Club did a good job of work. He was strict and honest in all his decisions and therefore kept the games well in hand.

In the opening exchanges Ballynacourty pressed but wided and Stradbally returned play but Terry, Morrissey and McHugh helped to ward off the attack. Whelan put the Ballynacourty men attacking but O'Flynn Dunphy and Coffey proved sound in the Stradbally backline. A free to Ballynacourty gave them their first lead when Crotty drove over following the kick-out.

Foley put the Ballynacourty men attacking again, but they failed to score. A free to Stradbally relieved pressure but it did not take the Ballynacourty men long to resume play. The ball into the Stradbally territory where Patchen Whelan was in hard luck for a goal, he hit the cross-bar. The ball rebounded into play but was driven over the bar for Ballynacourty's second point.

The game at this stage was very tame. Ballynacourty were leading very easily. Following the kick-out, the Stradbally men were not putting very much heart into their work either. As time went on Ballynacourty were having the best of the exchanges but Crotty receiving a nice pass from Farrell scored Ballynacourty's third point. Stradbally then attacked but their forwards were completely blocked by the mark and with play returned to the Stradbally end. Foley drove over Ballynacourty's fourth point. Following the kick-out, Lucey Cashin and Burke forced play to the Ballynacourty end and from a close-in free was driven wide. Stradbally tried hard in the closing minutes, but the Ballynacourty backs proved too good and the half-time score stood—Ballynacourty 0-4 Stradbally 0-1.

In the opening minutes of the second half Ballynacourty were first to press and where the Ardmore backs they took control of the game. The Nire backs were pressed time and again but they stood up well to the pressure. A free to the Nire sent them attacking and McGrath J Grady and Ryan who were playing sound for the Nire were in hard luck for a score. Mooney and P Power were showing up well for the Ardmore side and when they put their forwards attacking once more the ball was driven wide. Keeping up the pressure Ardmore practically had matters their own way but their forwards were very bad when it came to finishing and several scores were lost close in free to the Nire saw Bill Ryan plan a determined attempt to break through for a goal which would give his

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side the lead. He placed himself in position to receive the pass from the free. He got possession in front of the goals and took a pot shot but Mulcahy and Mooney threw themselves at the ball and blocked down the shot, which spelt defeat for the Nire. When the Nire pressed again they scored a point and followed this the Ardmore men took command again when the Nire goalkeeper was tested with a stinging shot which he saved brilliantly. In the closing minutes Ardmore increased their lead with a point off a free to leave the full-time scores—Ardmore 0-4 Nire 0-2.

Ardmore—J. Keever, H. Curran P. Mulcahy P. Mansfield, E. Mooney T. Power W. Allen J. Mansfield J. Burke, J. Cullen T. Hallahan J. Allen P. Foley M. Cullen S. Power.

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**DUNHILL QUALIFY FOR FINAL**  
Dunhill, 1-6, De La Salle, 0-3 in the Eastern junior football semi final at Kill on Sunday last. Dunhill qualified to meet Fenor in the final when they defeated De La Salle by six points.

De La Salle were short seven of their best players owing to the holiday period. The standard of play was pretty good and if De La Salle produced the same form in the first half as they did in the second then the result might have been different. The forwards missed some golden scoring opportunities.

Outstanding for Dunhill were Deck Foley and Nicky Power, while best for the losers were Joe Farrell and John Power.

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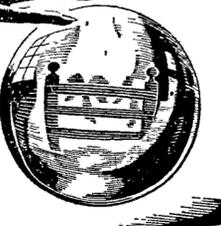


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**TALLOW AND ROUND ABOUT**

**Annual Horse Fair**—The big event in the bloodstock world, Tallow Annual Horse Fair, looms in the distance once again and owners, jockeys and trainers are exercising and schooling their horses for Wednesday week September 3rd the big annual day, and from reports to hand this year's fixture promises to add another successful chapter to the annual fair's long list of successes initiated almost half a century ago, the fair has gone from success to success and is today recognised as one of the leading horse fairs in Ireland as can be gleaned by the huge number of buyers who attend from all parts of England and Ireland, while the records can tell some of the finest bloodstock all over Europe today were bred in the valley of the Bride.

The energetic organising committee are leaving nothing undone to ensure the success of the annual fixture and every facility will be available for buyer and seller so please note the date—Wednesday September 3rd.

**What's Showing**—Tonight (Friday) picture-goers will have an opportunity of seeing "An Opportunity Of Oklahoma," a most entertaining and exciting picture. This is a film you should see. On Sunday next "Old Mother Riley's Jungle Treasure," which will keep the audience in a roar of laughter from beginning to end. The "Old Mother Riley" series of pictures provide grand light entertainment—this is no exception so see it and you will not be disappointed. On Monday and Tuesday "A Tale Of Five Cities" will be screened. From a widely-read novel comes an outstanding film with action excitement thrills and romance, so make sure you see it. On Thursday and Friday "A Date With Destiny" will be screened. This is a film you will want to see not once but twice. An outstanding film this is one that can be recommended. A fine story, a grand cast and brilliant acting, all combined, make it a film that must be seen.

**Death of Mr D Barry**—It is with feelings of the deepest regret we record the death of Mr Denis Barry late Station Master Tallow Road Station which occurred unexpectedly and with tragic suddenness on Wednesday afternoon to the deep and profound regret of his bereaved widow and family. Deceased was around his duties on Wednesday forenoon and appeared to be in his usual health and about to begin his midday meal suddenly collapsed and died within a few minutes.

A most popular efficient and courteous official he earned the esteem and respect of all sections of the community during his five years sojourn at Tallow Road prior to which he spent almost fifteen years at Kilmeehan. Member of an old and highly-respected Cork family deceased was a general favourite with all and his passing has aroused deep and widespread regret all over the area and all join in tendering very deep and sincere sympathy to his bereaved widow and family in their sorrow and loss. (A full report of the obsequies will appear in our next issue).

**Unfavourable Weather**—Unfavourable weather conditions have prevailed in the area during the week end. On Friday torrential thunder showers were experienced while on Sunday afternoon rain began to fall and as nightfall approached developed into a steady downpour accompanied by strong southerly easterly wind which reached gale force at times, and the rain continued for the greater part of Monday. Much damage has been caused to the wheat crop a portion of which is lodged as a result. It is hoped more favourable weather is on its way as a portion of the oat crop and the majority of the wheat crop still remains to be saved and as the latter is the all-important crop all look forward for more favourable weather for the remainder of the month.

**Unlucky Day For Munster Footballers**—Munster's hopes in the current year's All-Ireland Championships ended on Sunday when Cork's senior and minor teams and Tipperary juniors made their exit at the hands of Cavan Galway and Leitrim respectively. August 18th was certainly Munster's unlucky day, but that is the luck of the game and there is not the slightest doubt but the better teams won in all cases and we wish them all the luck in their endeavours to bring the coveted All-Ireland Championship to the North and West respectively. They were three well-contested games and after all victory or defeat are little things, it's the game that counts.

**Wedding Bells**—A very pretty and interesting wedding was solemnised recently at St Catherine's Church, Ballynoe, when members of two well-known agricultural families were united in holy Matrimony. The contracting parties were Mr Roger Aherne eldest son of Mr Aherne, and the late Patrick Aherne Garrybeg, Ballyduff, and Miss Bridget (Bridie) Canning, third daughter of Cornelius and Mrs Canning, Ballynoe, Tallow. The ceremony with Nuptial Mass and Final Blessing was officiated by Rev P Foley, C.C. Ballynoe. The bride, who looked charming, was given away by her father, and wore a smart grey costume with navy accessories. The ceremony was attended by her sister Miss Eileen Canning as bridesmaid who wore a claret colour ensemble with grey accessories. Mr John Aherne (brother of the groom) was best man. Afterwards a reception was held at the Imperial Hotel, Fermoy, and was attended by a number of guests after which the newly-weds left for Dublin on their honeymoon, carrying with them the best wishes of their many friends.

Both bride and groom are very popular members of the community as was aptly demonstrated by the large number of congratulatory messages. On behalf of all their friends we join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Aherne every success, prosperity and happiness.

**That Fair Again**—The monthly cattle, sheep and pig fair will be held on Friday next August 29th please note the date and arrange accordingly.

**Legion of Mary**—A meeting was held in Tallow on Monday night with a view to promoting a Men's Branch of the Legion of Mary in the parish. The meeting was well attended and a temporary committee formed. The Legion of Mary is a lay order for the promotion of charitable works and Catholic action and all wish it every success and we feel sure the branch will have a large membership in the parish.

**Death of Mrs J Barrett**—It is with very deep regret we record the death of Mrs Julia Barrett Ballynatin Ballynoe, which occurred following a rather brief illness. Member of an old and respected East Cork family deceased was a very popular member of the community and her passing has aroused deep and widespread regret, not only in her native parish but all over the adjoining ones.

Deceased was mother of Sister M Elizabeth, O.S.F. St Mary's Abbey, Mill Hill London, under whose wing she was educated, and to the other members of the bereaved family very deep and sincere sympathy is extended. At the removal of the remains to St Catherine's Church Ballynoe and at the subsequent interment in Ballynoe cemetery the attendance was both large and representative and bore ample testimony to the esteem and respect in which deceased and her family are held.

Deceased was the wife of the late Rev J Savage, C.C. do and Rev Fr O'Leary, England, officiated.

Chief mourners were—Michael Barrett (husband) William Barrett (son) Misses L and N Mackey (nieces) Mrs T Barrett Mr J Aherne Mr J and Mrs Fitzgerald, etc. (cousins).

A large number of Mass cards were drawn and letters of sympathy were received. Ar dheis De go raibh a-nam.

**Death of Mrs E Finn**—It is our sad duty to record the death of Mrs Ellen Finn Bolla which occurred following a rather protracted illness. Young lady of the late William Finn deceased was a member of an old and respected family, and her passing has aroused deep and sincere sympathy in her bereaved family in their sorrow and loss.

A very large and representative cortege accompanied the removal of the remains to St Michael's Church Glendine, where they were received by Rev Fr J F Morrissey, C.C., who blessed the coffin and officiated the prayers for the dead. Requiem Masses were offered up for the happy repose of her soul on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and on Wednesday afternoon the funeral took place to Temple Michael cemetery where all that was mortal of deceased was laid to rest in a very large dimensions and amidst every manifestation of very deep regret, many travelling long distances to pay a last tribute to an old and esteemed friend.

Rev M Power P.P. Knocknaree Rev J F Morrissey C.C. Glendine and Rev J M Leahy, L.S.S. Maynooth College officiated at the graveside.

Chief mourners—Hannie and Peggy Finn (daughters) Thomas Murray (brother) Thomas Finn (step-son), Edmond Michael and Patrick Murray, Mrs E Murray, Mrs Murray Thomas and John Murray, Sarah and Ellen Murray, etc. (cousins and relatives).

**Death of Mr M O'Sullivan**—We regret to announce the death of Mr Michael O'Sullivan a Crossrye Knocknaree which occurred following a brief illness. Last surviving member of an old and esteemed family deceased had reached the ripe old age of four score and nine years, and could record many thrilling stories of the "rough and tumble" football days of long ago and the many exciting tussles between the adjoining parishes, as well as tales of the "good old days" when porter was only a bob a gallon and your own reliable friend was your stout blackthorn stick and if you didn't get in the first blow, you were well out of it. In younger days deceased travelled extensively spending upwards of twenty-five years across the Atlantic. A most kind and genial personality his passing is very deeply regretted as could be seen by the large attendance which followed the remains to Knocknaree Church, and at the subsequent interment at Killocockan on Sunday afternoon.

Rev M Power P.P. officiated.

**Distinguished Visitor**—On a brief visit to Knocknaree recently, was Rev J Murray, C.S.S.P., Professor Rockwell College, and brother of the newly-appointed Prior of Glendalough, Rev J Murray. Both distinguished clerics are sons of Mrs H Murray, 63, Leeson Street Dublin, and the late Mr James Murray, Lisheen, and nephews of the late Jeremiah Murray, Scar, Knocknaree, where Rev J Murray, spent his brief holiday with his cousins Messrs James and John Murray, Scar, Knocknaree.

A most unassuming and genial personality, Rev Fr Murray thoroughly enjoyed his visit and was much impressed with the scenic beauty and the kindly hospitality of the inhabitants of Knocknaree.

**In Gaelic Circles**—From reports to hand it is understood that efforts are being made to revive the St Patrick's hurling team which figures so prominently in Gaelic circles in the 1947 to 1950 period, and annexed the junior hurling county championship in 1947, defeating St. Mary's Carrigrohilly following a drawn game and the chairmanship of Rev J P Walsh C.C. since transferred to Ballybricken. The revival of Club is looked forward to by all most of the able guidance of Rev J F Morrissey C.C. a grand hurler and footballer, and holder of a Decies Senior County medal—Dungarvan 1942 (Champions) resident in the used premises of Knocknaree Kilwatermoy and Glendine. It is hoped to see the wearers of the famed blue and gold back in the Gaelic world in 1953 and a meeting with this end in view will be held at an early date when it is hoped to see all interested present.

**The Week's "Good" Story**—An old skipper and his mate went into a restaurant and ordered dinner. The waiter brought to each a dish of thin watery liquid. "Hi my lad," said the Captain looking in amazement at the concoction under his nose "what's this?" "Soup sir," said the waiter. "Soup?" said the old salt. "Soup?" Bill (turning to his mate)—just think of that. "Here's you and me been sailing on soup all our lives and we never knew it all now." "Loat Ties die hard down Mill-reet way," he said. The Bridesider has lost none of his attractions—and although the "white he-er" was gone—she was back at her lost-singing. Da-y Boy I lo—y had slipped. Bo-y a fast winger that Sunday night—he's fast all right—more luck to em."

"My Fe—le lies over the sea"—but don't cry—'s time heals more than broken hearts—er—er boy!"

Harvesting is nice provided it's the right boy—but careful is the word colleen—where does the Ye-al N—ss come in?

**Things We Heard**—That Se—was playing for "big stakes" in You—al on Sat—day night—he took a dive but did he dive alone—we wonder—

stayer in the M—l state—and was out of the running" early on—tough luck—

That the Ti—y was going slow the other Sunday night—do not sing "Old Faithful" we ramed the range together—

And that Mr Weatherman proved a "spoil sport" on Sunday night—or did he? At least a Bridesider waited all in vain—

**ECHOES FROM YOUGHAL**

**Rain Storm**—On Sunday night and Monday morning a rain storm of exceptional severity swept over the Youghal area and was accompanied by a southerly gale. Notwithstanding its severity no damage of any consequence was done.

On Sunday evening when the rain started Youghal was full of visitors and most of them availed of the early trains to return to Cork. Prior to the rain starting, visitors and local folk were treated to a musical interlude by the members of the New Ross Confraternity Brass and Reed Band. The music was excellently rendered and members of the band looked very smart in their very picturesque uniforms.

**Another Handbag Snatched**—For the fourth time this season a handbag containing about £30 was taken on the strand so far has been taken containing £20 £27 and now £3. It would appear that this taking of handbags is an organised affair. Three of the bags were taken while their respective owners were in Pongoo and on Sunday last the handbag was taken from the wall adjacent to the Atlantic Hotel where the owner had only just laid it out of her hand.

**Youghal Open Week**—Notwithstanding very inclement weather on Sunday evening last it did not deter 56 enthusiastic golfers from going out in the afternoon competition in Youghal. The entry in the morning amounted to the same number and the competition, the first of the Open Week was the Seaford Cup presented by the late Mr William Dwyer the afternoon competition was men's fourball v bogey.

These are record entries but golfers like coming to Youghal where the course is not too hard nor yet too easy and where the views are kept so well that invariably visitors favourably comment on the fact.

**Pleasure Flights**—In the very near future Youghal is to have pleasure flights to be given by the Shannon Aero Club the venue will be Clonard Strand. The Club should have a good day as people are becoming more and more air-minded and more bold that when the transatlantic planes were being used not to a great extent by travellers, the Company with a view to getting people air-minded informed their regular traveller customers that for a certain number of flights they could bring their wives and guests of the Companies. Then when the guest flights were finished, each wife was asked in a letter from the Companies to give impressions of the several flights, and all without exception returned the questionnaire asking what flights.

**Water Safety**—During the week the Water Safety Service Group visited Youghal and gave a public lecture on the importance of saving on the strand included in the team of young men were four naval ratings from Cobh

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and two officers from the Red Cross During the demonstration was in attendance and as the exercises progressed in the water descriptions of the operations were broadcast and amplified the necessary gear having been provided by Mr W Perks.

In charge of operations and of the Group was Mr J O'Brien of the Cork Water Safety Group.

The team was introduced by Mr E Keane M.Sc. Hon Sec of the local branch of the Red Cross and he encouraged the young people of the town to join this most essential service. A local team has now been formed consisting of twelve members all of whom are outstanding swimmers and instructions in water drill and life saving are being given by Mr O'Brien of the Red Cross assisted by Mr Vaughan. The operations will cease at the end of the week when certificates of proficiency will be given to those members who qualify. All expenses are being borne by the Red Cross Society.

After the demonstrations on the strand the team and their officers were very kindly entertained to tea in the Esplanade Hotel by Mrs S Hurley UDC who has done much to encourage the young people to join this very essential service.

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**EAST CORK COMMENTS**

**All Ireland Drag Hunt**—As a result of representations made by the leading supporters of various sporting pastimes in the Killeagh district to the Irish Drag Hunt and Harriers Association the Annual Drag Hunt will take place this year in the course of a month at Killeagh.

Amongst the leading organisers are—Messrs P J O'Mahony, Killeagh P. Tracey, Mountintacke and Harriers Association, Ballincarriga Clubs from various parts of Ireland will compete.

**Angling**—The river Owenacurry from Lisgoold to Middleton, is being very well visited by a good number of anglers from even remote districts. On Sunday last a number of anglers from Lisgoold had a very successful day's fishing. The anglers included—Messrs Jeremiah Twomey, Relsk, T. Corcoran, Oldcourt J. Barry, Dullacurry and John Barry. Dullacurry Mr Barry created much amusement by hooking a water hen, an event which had not a precedent and was certainly a unique feat on this river.

**Gaelic Class**—Under the auspices of the local branch of the Gaelic League, a Gaelic class will be conducted in Inch Killeagh, during the coming winter months. The services of a well-known and capable teacher in the person of Mr L Long of the Youghal Technical School, have been secured for the classes. Mr Long, who hails from the Kingdom County is one of the leading Gaelic scholars in East Cork and the young people of Inch district are indeed very fortunate in having him as their teacher.

**Young Farmers' Club**—The Dungourney Y.F.C. are arranging for a stock-judging competition which will take place at Dungourney towards the end of the month. Prominent member

of the organisation from many centres in the Counties of Cork and Waterford will take part including members who already have secured first prizes in similar competitions. viz. Messrs P Sarsfield, Lisgoold, T. Ring, Dungourney, Gus Fitzgerald do Ted Corcoran, Dumanway and J Griffin, Cottstown.

**Concert**—A concert to be organised by the Mountintacke Athletic Club will take place in the course of a few weeks when many leading artists from Cork, Middleton and Youghal will take part. The local Dramatic Society will stage a play in the Gaelic Hall on the same occasion and Mr M. Treacy will act as MC.

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