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BEHIND THE SPOTLIGHT

with PENSAMAN

NOTED HERE AND THERE
I just back after a couple of weeks' absence from the daily grind and despite the variable weather I got a certain amount of enjoyment out of my holiday in simply being able to relax. I saw Killarney in a typical setting of grey mist and rain the day Cork snatched a last second victory from Kerry in the Munster Senior Football Final. Being Kerry born and bred myself I know I am naturally prejudiced when I say that Kerry just got caught napping on the occasion.

One of the principal things I noted that day as I sat on the sideline facing the towering mist-covered Reeks of Killarney was the attendance at the game of their Lordships the Bishops of Kerry and Cork. Later I saw Minister for Local Government P. O'Donnell pay his respects to both bishops when he arrived to see the games.

DUNGARVAN SHOW
I paid a call to the Dungarvan show too and after a visit to the various judging rings I spent most of my time viewing exhibits in the Home Industries Section and the numerous trade stands.

As usual the Department of Agriculture had a very interesting and informative stand which drew a big number of visitors. The exhibit was prepared and supervised by Mr P. Conroy Chief Agricultural Officer Dungarvan, and the various instructors under his control. There was a very fine model plan of what an ideal farm house and outbuildings should be. Very fine it was indeed, but I thought that there was a little (to say the very least) wishful thinking on the part of the Department officials who laid out the model (I was told that it cost nearly £10,000 to prepare it alone) as it would be beyond even the average farmer to put into effect. An informed source of conversation that it was his opinion that to construct a full scale lay-out of the model, it would cost something in the region of £10,000!

Would it be too much to ask the Department to be a little more practical with their ideas?

POLIO EPIDEMIC
During the holiday period I also had a trip on a train to Dublin. What a great improvement the new diesel trains are compared to the old steam engines. Schedules were strictly adhered to throughout and no time was lost. The comfort of being able to have a meal en route is another great improvement which is much appreciated. With all this modern efficiency then I was amazed to see a slip up in an aspect that at the moment is very important.

Visiting a toilet in the train my eye was at once attracted by a notice from Dublin Corporation warning users in view of the present incidence of poliomyelitis to wash their hands in the water and with the soap provided I turned on the water and capsize the liquid soap container, only to find that it was empty. I examined it closely and found that it must have been empty for quite some time! Notices are futile unless they can be adhered to.

As I am on this subject I wish to extend to the unfortunate people of Cork our deepest sympathy. The 10 a.m. Mass at the Friary Dungarvan on Sunday last was celebrated for their welfare and for the prevention of the further spread of the disease. So serious has it become that the Central Council of the G.A.A. has found it necessary to postpone the All-Ireland Finals fixed for September 2nd (hurling) and 3rd (football) to later dates.

WASHED OUT
Disappointment was the lot of the Erin's Hope Memorial Committee who had their bene-

fit match between Mount Sion and Killrossanty. Washed out on last Sunday evening. The game has been re-fixed for next Sunday, 19th August, at 8 p.m.

IT MIGHT BE A LEAD
A couple of weeks ago I mentioned in this column that Frank L. Adams of Pasadena, California, paid me a visit at the Leader Office in the course of a visit to this area. He was trying to locate the birthplace of his father and asked me if I could help him. I told him that I would do all I could and sent out an SOS to readers of this column accordingly.

A possible lead to the solution of Mr Adams' problem has come in a letter from Mr W. Harding of Headboro, Talow. Mr Harding writes to say that he believes the old home of the Adams' family was at Rhucrew Youghal, and he suggests that further inquiries be made at the Protestant Rectory at Temple Michael and Youghal. I thank Mr Harding for his information which I have forwarded to Mr Adams in the hope that it is that which he was looking for.

SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK

Spotlighted in last week's 'Independent' as Sportstar of the week was Miss Mary Wylie Sunday's Well Swimming Club Cork who at the National Swimming Championships at Sligo during the August week-end achieved the distinction of being the only competitor to win a double event. Miss Wylie won the 200 and 400 metres freestyle. Dungarvan can claim some of the reflected glory from Miss Wylie's double victory as it was there that she was born, being a grand-daughter of Mrs Egan of Egan's Hotel O'Connell St. and cousin of the Egan family and of the Wylie family including popular Chemist's Assistant and cycling star Rory Wylie.

We extend our congratulations to Miss Wylie on her wonderful victories.

EXILE'S SPECIAL REQUEST
A request was made to me recently by an exile who spends his annual holidays in the Clonlea area for the words of 'Bantry Bay' and this is the first opportunity I have of fulfilling that request as follows—

As I'm sitting all alone in the gloaming,
It might have been but yesterday,
That we watch'd the fisher sails
All homing,
Till the herring fleet at anchor lay,
Then the fisher girls with baskets swinging,
Came running down the old stoneway,
Ev'ry lassie to her sailor lad was singing.
A welcome back to Bantry Bay
Then we heard the piper's sweet note tuning,
And all the lassies turned to sing,
As they mingled with a soft voice crooning,
Till the music floated down the wooden pier,
Save you kindly colleens ah, said the piper,
Haul across and trip it while it play,
And a joyous sound of song and merry dancing,
Stole softly over Bantry Bay.
As I'm sitting all alone in the gloaming,
The shadows of the past draw near,
And I see the loving faces around me,
That used to glad the old brown pier,
Some are gone upon their last lov'd homing,
Some are left, but they are old and gray,
And we're waiting for the tide in the gloaming,
To sail upon the Great Highway,
To that land of rest unending,
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Death Of Mr John Riordan, Congress Villas, Dungarvan

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Mr John Riordan 54 Congress Villas Dungarvan which sad event occurred at the District Hospital on Wednesday August 8th.

The late John Riordan was a native of Shandon Dungarvan and was well and popularly known all over West Waterford. A quiet industrious man and a kind and loving father he will be sadly missed by all.

Pigeon Racing
Dungarvan & Abbeyside Club
Result of race flown from Dundalk Sunday 12th August 1st and winner of the O'Donnell Model Dairy Cup Mr George Tutty 790 228 yards per minute. 2nd Mr Pat Organ 788 703 yards per minute 3rd Mr George Tutty 789 611 yards per minute 4th Mr Pat Needham 788 999

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Council Disagrees With Letting Of House Appeal Made To Minister

As intimated at previous meetings of Dungarvan Urban Council, the following motion was moved by Mr J. McCarthy at last Friday night's meeting: That the Council do hereby require the Manager under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1954, to place James Lannor Junr son of the previous tenant now deceased.

Mr P. Casey asked if the motion meant that the Council wanted to give a young unmarried man a house. It was completely wrong he said that a 3-roomed house should be let to such a person while there were families and young married couples in urgent need of houses.

Mr McCarthy replied that it was the precedent being caused that the Council was objecting to. It had always been the custom down the years he said that in the case of the death of the parents that the tenant passed to the son or daughter.

Proposed New Housing Scheme
Dealing with proposals for a new housing scheme at Bohernatra in respect of which site the Minister recently confirmed the compulsory purchase order.

CLAIM AGAINST DUNGARVAN RATEPAYERS
Matter Referred To Legal Adviser

It was absolutely ridiculous that the London and Newcastle Company should want the ratepayers of Dungarvan to make good their loss stated Mr Donal Moloney at last Friday night's meeting of Dungarvan Urban Council following an announcement by Mr Sheara Acting Town Clerk that a malicious injuries claim for £490 had been made by the Company against the Council as a result of a robbery which took place at their premises on the night of August 2nd when a safe which was alleged to have contained £260 was taken.

ROAD WORKER FOUND DYING IN outhouse
Inquest Told Of Gash In The Neck

The circumstances of a sad tragedy were described at an inquest on Michael Toun (53) a County Council road worker who was found dying in an outhouse at his home in Sheara Ballyduff on Saturday August 4th. The inquest was conducted by Mr P. J. O'Connell Deputy Cr'y Coroner who sat without a jury at the County Hospital where Mr Toun died some hours after being admitted with severe neck injuries.

ENGLISHMAN CHARGED IN CORK
A well-dressed Englishman Patrick Hull aged about 28 years and of no fixed abode, appeared at Cork District Court before Mr D. P. O'Donovan, D.J. on last Saturday charged with the larceny of a motor car.

Views Of Our Readers
WATERFORD MEN'S ASSOCIATION, LONDON
To The Editor Dungarvan Leader

Dear Sir—The above Association announces the following social activities planned to bridge the gap between the end of the holiday season and the Association's Annual General Meeting in October. A dance and social evening has been arranged at the Chicklevood Hotel, Chicklevood from 8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. on Friday evening 31st August. This will be followed by a Gala Dance at the New Emerald Hall, Hammersmith Broadway on Thursday evening 6th September from 7.30 to 11.30 p.m. An enjoyable evening is promised to all Waterford girls and boys who attend these functions. Friends of the boys will be welcome too.—Yours faithfully, MICHAEL MORRISSEY, 17/8/56 Hon. Secretary

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Abbeyside Development Association Notes

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mence at 2 o'clock and Johnson Burke and Tom Seward, will be doing their best to keep all the children on their toes. I suppose Johnson might even give a step himself that day. Ritchie Walsh is also helping and I am sure he will prove very capable at his job.

Through this column I wish to thank Nicholas A. Kelly, for the great help he has given the Committee. Nicholas has secured a few grand cups for the Pattern. Thank you Nicholas. By the way all entries are free. More next week—Secretary

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More Promises Of Fishing Boat For Helvick

Mr Sean Ormond T.D. has forwarded for publication the following letter dated 9th August 1956 received by him from Mr O. J. Flanagan, Parliamentary Secretary—

Dear Deputy Ormond—Advertising to our recent discussion when a deputation consisting of your good self and Deputies Lynch and Kennelly urged upon me the desirability of having a boat allocated as early as possible to Helvick under the 'For-Ghaeltacht Boats' Scheme. I am sending you this note confirming the main points raised on that occasion.

I need hardly elaborate on the fact that as already stated I have had Helvick very much in mind for allocation of a boat according as one becomes available but as I explained to you, it will not be possible to allot to that area the next boat of the series because this has been assigned to the 'Connamara Gael-tacht' which it may be agreed is not inopportune in the general picture of the scheme and the attainment of its objective. I also indicated that unfortunately, the programme for the production of boats for the purposes of the scheme had been retarded to some extent by dislocation of operations at Crosshaven Boatyard but that it was hoped that an Bord Teascach Mhara would be able to arrange that completion of the two boats, which had been building there under contract with the Board would not suffer any avoidable delay. I am still quite hopeful on that score although it may be some three months or so before the first of these two boats will become ready for issue and the second one may perhaps not become available in the next few months unless until about six months afterwards I can assure you that every endeavour will continue to be used to secure delivery of these two boats as early as possible and that when the first of them is ready for completion Helvick will receive special consideration as a centre to which it should be allotted. In that connection I shall most certainly keep in mind the point made by the deputation that an Irish-speaking crew is ready to man a boat at any time.

EAST CORK COMMENTS

Maora Na Feirme—A meeting of members of the Ballymartle Branch of Macra na Feirme took place recently Mr J. Coleman presiding. On the motion of Mr P. Deasey seconded by Mr G. Nyhen it was decided to organise a Stock-Judging Competition to take place early in September. Mr P. Deasey spoke at some length in connection with modern farming. Mr Deasey is one of the most progressive farmers in South East Cork and is farming an extensive holding in Riverstick. Bowl Playing—A bowl-playing tournament in progress on the Waterfall road and prominent opponents of this popular game are taking part. On Sunday, August 5th matches were played by leading champions viz P. Deasey v. champions

Walsh Grange Douglas Walsh was declared the winner by a small margin. It is interesting to note that Richard Walsh defeated J. Crowley Kilbrannigan last year on the Cloncoole road and will compete against D. Brady in the lifting of the great Cretwynd viaduct next month.

Greyhound Racing—Among the winners of the recent greyhound racing events which took place recently at the Young's Greyhound track was Mr Donald O'Brien of Mountinacke whose dog secured a win for which a valuable cup was given. Mr O'Brien is the owner of a number of valuable hounds and only quite recently disposed of a very valuable hound to a Cross Channel buyer for a substantial figure.

Concert—A concert which will be sponsored by the Keame Athletic Club will take place in the Barthlemy Hall in the course of a few weeks. Leading artists who will take part include Mr John Gubbins, Ballinacorney, P. Gilbert, Rushbrook R. Walsh Grange, Wm Greene Midleton and J. Meade Kinsale.

Fianna Fail—A general meeting of the Killeagh Branch of the Fianna Fail took place last week and was addressed by the County Council representative for East Cork, Mr Liam Aherne P.C., M.C.C. Matters of urgent importance were dealt with including the acquiring of lands in the district by the Irish Land Commission, erection of bridges and water supply schemes.

Mr Aherne was the recipient of letters of congratulations on his recovery from a recent indisposition, and is now in a position to continue to help in carrying out necessary work in his area.

Sale of Hunters—During the past week owners of valuable hunters in East Cork areas secured very substantial prices for their horses. They included Mr Joe Moran Brookdale House Midleton, Mr Sean O'Donnell Ballynoe, Mr P. Deasey Riverstick, Mr O'Neill Lismore, Mr Donald O'Brien Ballyere and Mr James Griffin Killeagh. The horses went to various centres in the Midland Counties.

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Tallow and Round About

The Role of the Provincial Press—Readers of the Leader will not need to be told what it means to open it hot from the Printing Press each week. That is if they have ever stopped to think of this. For as in the case of the many Provincial Newspapers published all over Ireland each week its punctual appearance is so much a part of the normal routine of existence that they have probably never imagined doing without it. It may startle them to reflect that if there was no weekly newspaper life in Provincial towns Ireland would be very different to what it is today. Those who read the daily papers or listen to the wireless would still learn of National events something in the nature of what the Government is planning or doing, and now and then they would be served with some paragraph or item about the county and community they live in or a report of one of the more lively law cases which now would the Provincial newspaper would the two-thirds or more of our population that live outside the cities look for information about all the varied works of the administrators of their counties. Where would they find the detailed stories so full of human interest for friends and neighbours where would they find the descriptions of their shows their races their regattas, the performance of their musical and dramatic societies. How would they be informed of the special religious feasts and ceremonies in their own and neighbouring parishes where would they look for columns devoted to county and parish hurling and football games which they learn of the doings of acquaintances at home and exiles abroad of the weddings and the deaths the joys and sorrows the successes and the failures indeed of the county things that weave the stuff of daily life for men and women and make that life warm and interesting.

The Provincial Weekly Newspaper knows its readers. They are the flesh and blood, not the thing coldly called 'readership'. The publisher and the editor know what these readers want and need from their newspaper. After all they live with them in the natural course of town and country. They give the people what they want and need, and in return the Provincial Newspaper gets the most valuable of all readers—people who co-operate, people who come to it with their own experience, reading every line of it with intimate knowledge of the background of its columns with confidence in those who produce it. You would not be wrong if you said that the Provincial Newspaper is a joint undertaking of publisher and reader. Remember that Irishman to whom you need say only half the sentence because he will fill in the other half himself. All over Ireland there is a network of such newspapers doing for the country what is not and cannot be done by any other agency. They are worn into the warp and woof of the life of the people whom they serve, for whom they speak and whose defenders they are. These are the people and these are the newspapers of that rural agricultural small town Ireland that carry the rest of the country on its back and its dare one say, too modest about its achievement and sometimes too little regarded by the more vocal cities which forget whence they draw their substance. So one could go on. Instead however you readers of the Leader when you take it up this week or next try to list the things you would not know about, the life of your county or town were about your friends and neighbours, if it were not for your weekly paper. Devoted as you may be to it you will be surprised at the result.

Brilliant Youth—We offer our heartiest congratulations to Master Morty O'Gorman on obtaining successes in both Leaving and Matriculation exams. This brilliant young student is the son of Mrs and the late Thomas O'Gorman, Kilbeg. He has attended St. Michael's College Co. Louth. He is also a very popular member of Lismore minor hurling team. His host of friends and well-wishers wish him many more successes in the years that lie ahead.

Successful Furniture Sale—A very successful sale of the furniture and effects of the licensed premises at Chapel Street Tallow, formerly owned by Miss K. O'Connor, was conducted on Tuesday, August 14th, by Mr Norman Walsh, M.I.A., by Auctioneer and Valuer Cappoquin. He had previously disposed of the premises in conjunction with Mr N. R. McNaughton, solicitor. Youghal the purchaser being Mr M. Gallagher, Curraglass.

We welcome Mr and Mrs Gallagher to the Brideside town days and will be out of town for a long and happy one. They will carry on the sale of beer wine and spirits in this old and long-established premises which is noted for its first-class drinks. In passing we cannot forget the former proprietor, Miss O'Connor, who carried on business for the past forty years and who has now retired and gone to reside in her native Wexford. During her long stay in Tallow, she made hosts of friends who now regret her departure from amongst them, and all join in wishing her many happy years of well-earned rest.

Farmers Take Note—During harvesting operations a breakdown in machinery can cause a serious delay. If you have to go to the nearest garage or forge to effect repairs there is no need

black grapes and when distilled becomes whisky. To a Monks of the Abbey credit is due of discovering how to make it sparkling. It was first introduced to the Court of Charles II in 1660.

Harvesting—Harvesting operations have begun in the Valley of the Bride a large amount of barley has already been cut and in some cases combined. According to reports the yield is well up to the average of former years.

Fermoy Cyclist's Success at local sports—Frank O'Sullivan Fermoy captured one more All-Ireland Championship from 18 competitors including the star cyclist of the country. He won the 3,000 metres (Irish Cycle Championship) from J. Moran Wicklow and third was S. Baird of Harps.

Life in Irish country towns—The essence of life in Irish towns is human companionship and good fellowship. Having looked at the lights in the country, then you will be very glad to hurry back to that warm and vital atmosphere of the streets. What a contrast is here with the crowded and lonely solitude of city life in which two men living side by side in the same road may remain strangers forever unless conventional formulae bring them together. In the small towns in the country everyone knows everyone else if not intimately at least sufficiently here a birth is not just a matter of family, but of communal rejoicing. If someone living in a town street is seriously ill public sympathy is focused on the sufferer. When a death occurs crepe is wreathed on the door knocker and at once the whole street is involved in the mourning. At the funeral a funeral is ever a small one.

Short Dance—There was a very good attendance at a short dance held at the Aich Ballroom, Tallow on Sunday night. The most enjoyable time was had by all music being supplied by Dick Cashman and his Orchestra Midleton and was highly appreciated.

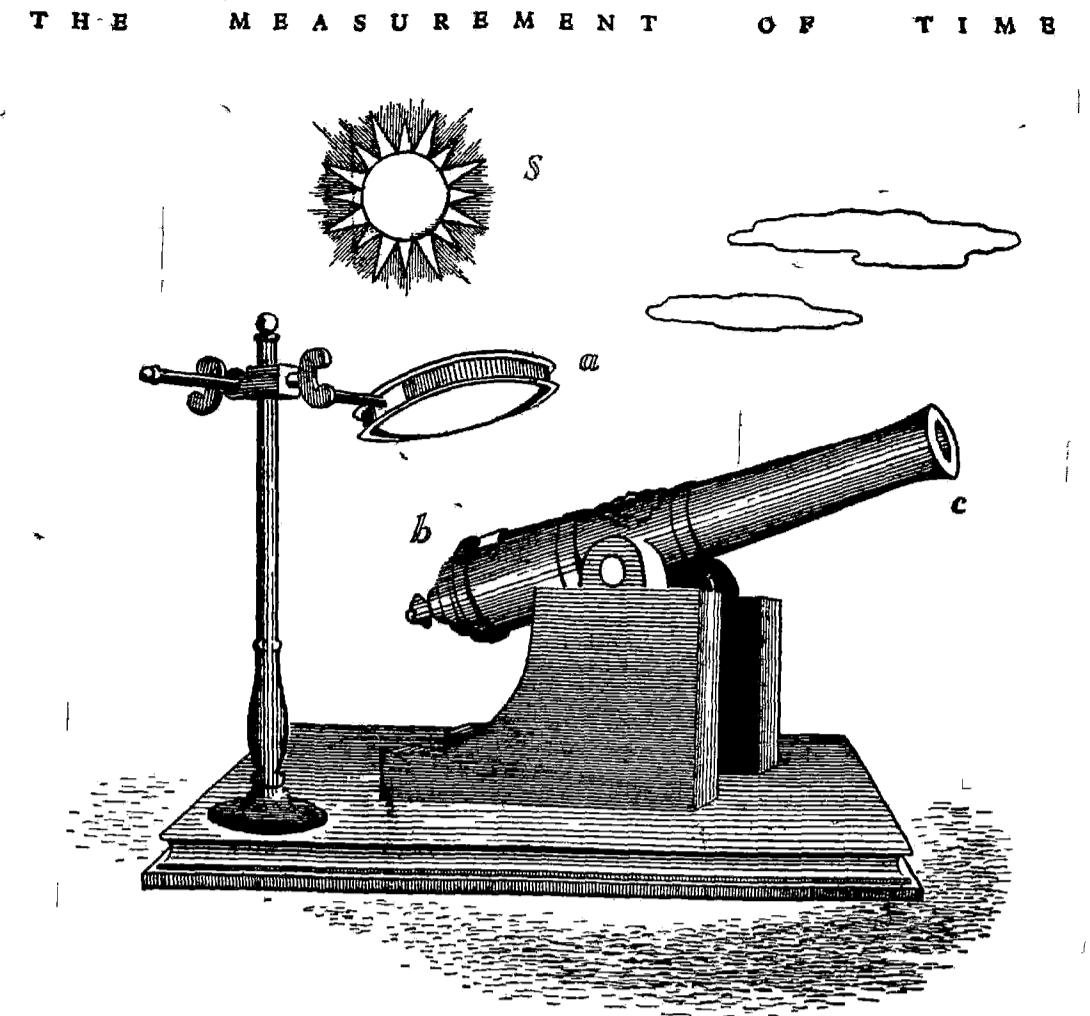
Coming attraction to the Arch is the visit of the Gallowglass Ceilidh Band Naas on Sunday August 26th. You heard them on the radio—see them at the Arch and dance to their music on Sunday night August 26th. Visitors to the new arrival were to be seen in the Brideside town among them we saw Mr John Nicholson Trillick, home on a visit after six years in England.

Mr T. Cunningham, Kilmore Tallow, Messrs George and Wesley Jermyn Ballyhamlet Tallow Mr John Aherne Dunmore and Mr J. Griffin Kilmore are also spending their holidays in these parts. We wish them all a very pleasant time.

Poems of "Heather Bell" the late Miss Budds, Killocock—22nd in the Series—In this poem Heather Bell her home at Killocock Knockmore

THE OLD GRAVEYARD Down where the lapping cry, Startles the hushed night air, And where the gray old stones are lit By the moonbeams pale and fair

Local Tit Bits—The latest tale in Ballynoe versus Tallow triangle is rather disturbing—the Cappa—no move by Mr—1 and later moves by K—1 as tale fit for a best seller—however, it's over now and nothing left but memories of days that used to be—eh R—e!!



Report on Time
An interesting use of solar energy combined with celestial mechanics is exemplified in the accompanying illustration. A small model cannon may, when correctly set up, be caused to discharge precisely at mid-day local time. The condensing lens is placed in such a position relative to the gun that the rays of the sun, when it reaches the meridian will impinge upon the touch-hole. While full-size mid-day guns have been known in many parts of the world, it is unlikely that this system of firing them was ever employed on anything larger than a demonstration model.

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Class II—West—1st Mrs C. Coyne Ballyneeny Clashmore 2nd James Flynn Strancally 3rd Thomas Hallahan Ballysallaigh, Kinsalebeg 4th William Dunphy Knocknagrathung Dunganvan

COTTAGE PRIZE SCHEME WINNERS

The following have been declared winners of the Co. Comm. of Agriculture's Cottage Prize Scheme for 1956—

Class I—East—1st Mrs Pendergast Kilmacragh Kilmacthomas 2nd Maurice Flynn Cortnalagh Kilmacthomas 3rd Denis Foy Belle Lake Rosduff Waterford, 4th John Kieley, Carrigahilla, Stradbally, Kilmacthomas

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