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BEHIND THE SPOTLIGHT

with PENSMAN

CARDINAL DIES
The death of Cardinal Griffin Archbishop of Westminster England, has been the source of general regret throughout Ireland. Cardinal Griffin died in the early hours of last Monday morning following a heart attack. He was only 57 years of age. He was a great Churchman and always had a lively interest in the welfare of Irish emigrants to England.

PILGRIM TO LOURDES
A pilgrim to the Grotto at Lourdes this week, is 12-year-old Sandra Walsh, daughter of Mr and Mrs A Walsh New Line Abbeyside Dungarvan. The dread polio disease struck Sandra when she was but an infant and left her paralysed. Everything possible in the medical world has been done for her without success and this week she has gone to Lourdes where she will ask the Blessed Virgin to cure her. Sandra arrived in Lourdes on Wednesday evening last and will remain there until Sunday. All her school pals and friends and everyone else who might be asked to offer their prayers during the next few days to intercede for her welfare.

DEIRE NA SCRIBE
Ta Micheal O'Connell agus an Ghaedhealg bhinn mhills ar jar Le bhianta anuas do bhí an Ghaeil bhraghadh seo 'na Ollamh ag Coláiste Na Rinne agus i bhfad a shaoil go raibí do dhéanamh an mor-chro ag an saol agus do leathnu imeas an aos ag Caillint mor do phus na teangan a bhí ag ád meala mor d a cheile Brian agus d a chlann. Go dtuagadh Dia Solas na b'oisle d a anam dílis.

THE HEALTH ACT
It would appear that the people who were to benefit under the famous Health Act now find that the benefits they are to derive are very meagre and very difficult to get. That the people were led astray from the beginning is becoming more and more evident as time passes. They were told that they could have their doctors and their hospitals that they would get free specialist services and all in all that things would be much better than in the bad old days.

Well let us see what has happened. National Health and unemployment cards were consolidated and now one social welfare stamp suffices but the contributions are much more than they were. Why? To pay for the increased benefits of course. But these benefits have never materialised and the increased contributions are all being eaten up by the salaries of the groves of 'extras' employed to 'administer' the Act. The people are worse off now than they were before. In fact in the days of the free doctors people got more prompt and better attention. Unfortunately the alleviation of pain and the curing of ailments has, in the main, become a very secondary consideration nowadays as poor people who cannot afford the fancy fees charged by many doctors have found out.

It is high time that the whole position of the Health Act was clarified and that the people were no longer being bluffed into the belief that they had free health services.

IRISH 'COMICS' MAKE THEIR APPEARANCE
One of the most popular classes of reading material today is that generally known as the comic. Since the War so great has the demand for this type of publication become—particularly among young people—that its production and handling has created what virtually amounts to a new industry. Up to the present the 'comics' appearing in the book-

shops and on the newsagents' counters in this country have all been imported and parents, teachers and others conscious of the influence for good or ill these publications have on our youth, have urged the desirability of producing comics, here at home suitable for Irish boys and girls.

A start has at last been made in the field of home-produced comics. This month, under the general title of "Irish Classics in Picture Story" the first four numbers of a series designed to recall pictorially the deeds of famous men and women, historic episodes or well-known legends or works of fiction all written illustrated printed and produced by Irish men and women will be on sale in bookshops and newsagents throughout the country.

With a gay cover, printed in four colours each number contains 32 pages of black-and-white drawings on subjects that should make an immediate appeal to Irish youth—CUCHULAINN, SANSFIELD'S THE WORD AND SANSFIELD'S THE MAN FINN MACUMHAL AND THE CLANNA and KNOCKINAGOW. The price of each number is 1.3d.

MORE OF THE ADAMS FAMILY
A correspondent who prefers to remain anonymous writes to state that she saw my reference to the Adams family in this column a few weeks ago and sends some details which might help Mr Adams in his search for the old family homestead.

My correspondent informs me that Rhincrew House and farm was bought over 70 years ago by the late Michael Hunt from two old ladies named Adams. It has also been related that Rhincrew House was built by an Adams family and that part of the stone used in its erection came from the old Abbey ruins of which still remain on the farm. This Abbey was occupied at one time by the Order of the Knights Templar and my correspondent says that she has seen the graves of the monks in what is known as 'the Abbey Field'. She further states that she understands that the Adams family also lived at one time at Springmount Templemore, in the Parish of Glendine.

With all the information that has so far come to hand I am sure that Mr Adams will be able to solve the mystery. I thank the many people who wrote to me with information on the subject and thank them for their co-operation.

SONGS WANTED
The Leader for me 'Affane Cappoquin writes for the words of the Green Hills of Antrim' and 'The Rose of Arranmore' Can any of my readers oblige?

GRANUAILE
My dream to some with joy will come and come with grief to more. As it did to me my country that dear old Erin's shore I dreamt I stood upon a hill beside a lovely vale. And it's there I spied a comely maid and her name was Granuaile.

Her lovely hair hung down so fair and she was dressed in green. I thought she was the fairest soul that e'er my eyes had seen. As I drew near I then could hear by the pleasant morning gale. As she went along she sang her song saying 'I'm poor old Granuaile'.

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OBITUARY
Micheal O'Connell
An Rinn
It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of Micheal O'Connell which occurred after a protracted illness at his residence at Ring on Saturday 18th August. The late Micheal O'Connell was one of the best known Irish teachers in the country and for almost half a century he spent his energy and ability in spreading a knowledge of and a love for Teanga Na h'Eireann. He began as a travelling Gaelic League teacher and organiser and as an active and enthusiastic young man he travelled much through the Ireland he loved at that time. Shortly after the founding of Ring College he returned to his native air to take up a staff position teaching there. He was actively associated with the College until about 43 years ago when he unfortunately had a stroke which rendered him a permanent invalid.

When I awakened from my slumber and excited by my plight I thought it was the clear daylight and I found that it was night. I looked all around and could see naught but the walls of a lonely jail. And that was the last I saw of poor old Granuaile.

WANT TO DO LESS AND LESS WORK

A request from Dr R. O'Driscoll for the appointment of a pre-registration intern or a house surgeon at the Orthopaedic Unit Co Hospital, Waterford was read at last Monday's Board of Assistance meeting in Dungarvan.

The Secretary, Mr Hynes, said that there was already a Registrar engaged but the position was that he never had a moment to spare. The cost to the Board would be £306 if the intern was appointed or £463 if the House Surgeon. There would be £159 extra as emoluments in each case.

Mr N Walsh referred to the circular from the Department of Health calling for economies especially in the case of staffing. You should send a copy of that to the County Hospital said Mr Walsh to the Secretary.

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Board Of Assistance Deputation To See Minister Hospitalisation Problems Again Discussed

The problem of hospital accommodation at Waterford City was discussed at the monthly meeting of the Waterford Board of Public Assistance in Dungarvan on Monday last. Last year the Board decided to purchase Glenville House Waterford from Sir Ernest Gough for the purpose of using it as an annexe to the County Hospital subject to sanction. The matter was discussed at several subsequent meetings and in March a deputation from the Board called on the Minister about the matter. On that occasion the Minister suggested that the Fever Hospital be used to cater for the overflow from the County Hospital and that fever cases from the County and City be sent to New Ross Fever Hospital. Subsequently the Board discussed the matter and it was decided to see if fever cases would be taken at Cork and Clonmel.

At Monday's meeting the Secretary J A Hynes informed the members that Wexford, Cork and Tipperary (SR) Boards had agreed to accept fever patients at their fever hospitals subject to certain conditions.

The presiding Chairman Councillor T Gallagher (who presided in the absence of the Chairman) thought that the Board would be ill-advised to give up the fever hospital. If an epidemic broke out here he said which God forbid as in Cork what would we do? You never know when an emergency will arise and I think it would be better to be prepared.

Councillor Gallagher went on to say that Sir Ernest Gough, the owner of Glenville (from whom the Board bought it for £10,000 plus fees subject to Department sanction) had called on him lately and had told him that in view of the Department's delay in sanctioning the matter, he was going to put the place up for sale again.

TWO TROUT ANGLERS DROWN IN RIVER BRIDE NEAR CONNA

Two trout anglers lost their lives in a double drowning fatality while fishing on the river Bride a tributary of the Blackwater at Ashern Conna Co Cork on Thursday night August 16th. They were John Hickey (34) Laseux Villas Feenoy and John Daly (41) Main Street Rathcormac. It is believed that Mr Daly slipped on the weir and fell into deep water and that Mr Hickey in endeavouring to save him lost his own life.

A 15-year-old girl saw the two men struggling in the water at about 11 p.m. and gave the alarm at the house of Dr K McCarthy who lives near the spot.

On arrival at the scene Dr McCarthy saw one of the angler's baskets floating on the water. He dived in immediately and succeeded in pulling the body of Mr Daly to whom the basket was attached onto the bank. The doctor applied artificial respiration but without effect.

The Gardaí were shortly on the scene and under the direction of Sergt J Dalton and Sergt L Doyle of Fermoy and Ballynoe dragging operations were begun from the river bank with grappling irons.

The search began at about 11.30 p.m. and at 3.30 a.m. the body of Mr Hickey was recovered. The river Bride is normally shallow but had become swollen by heavy rains until it was 10 to 12 feet deep.

Mr Hickey who leaves a wife and one child was Manager of Messrs J Barry & Sons Timber Yard Fermoy and Mr Daly who leaves a wife and three in family is the owner of a grocery business in Rathcormac.

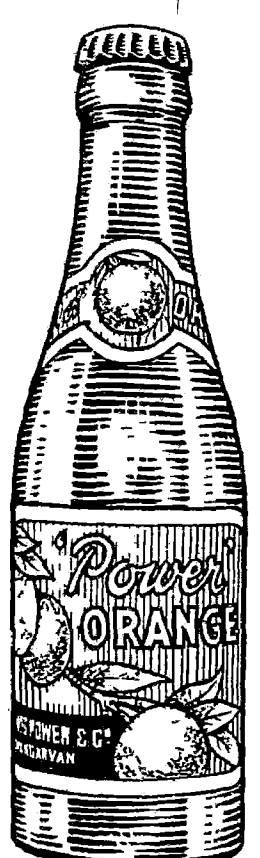
The bodies of the two men were removed to St Patrick's Hospital Fermoy where an inquest was held on Saturday.

THE INQUEST
A verdict of accidental drowning in accordance with the medical evidence was returned at an inquest held by Coroner E Rice Fermoy on Saturday last.

Recording the verdict Coroner Rice commented that John Hickey's action should be brought to the notice of the proper authorities so that an award

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